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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

**FILE NUMBER: 7-576**

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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION  
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Mr. Harvey - 7-576-12916

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Congratulation on the investigation

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The Carpio killed the  
OCT 9 1936

He wanted  
to write you for some  
time but was afraid as  
this man will know

you killed if you know  
him - I worked at his  
dog race track and hung  
around the Hotel and

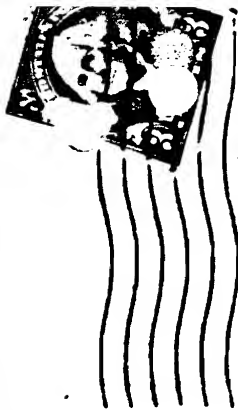
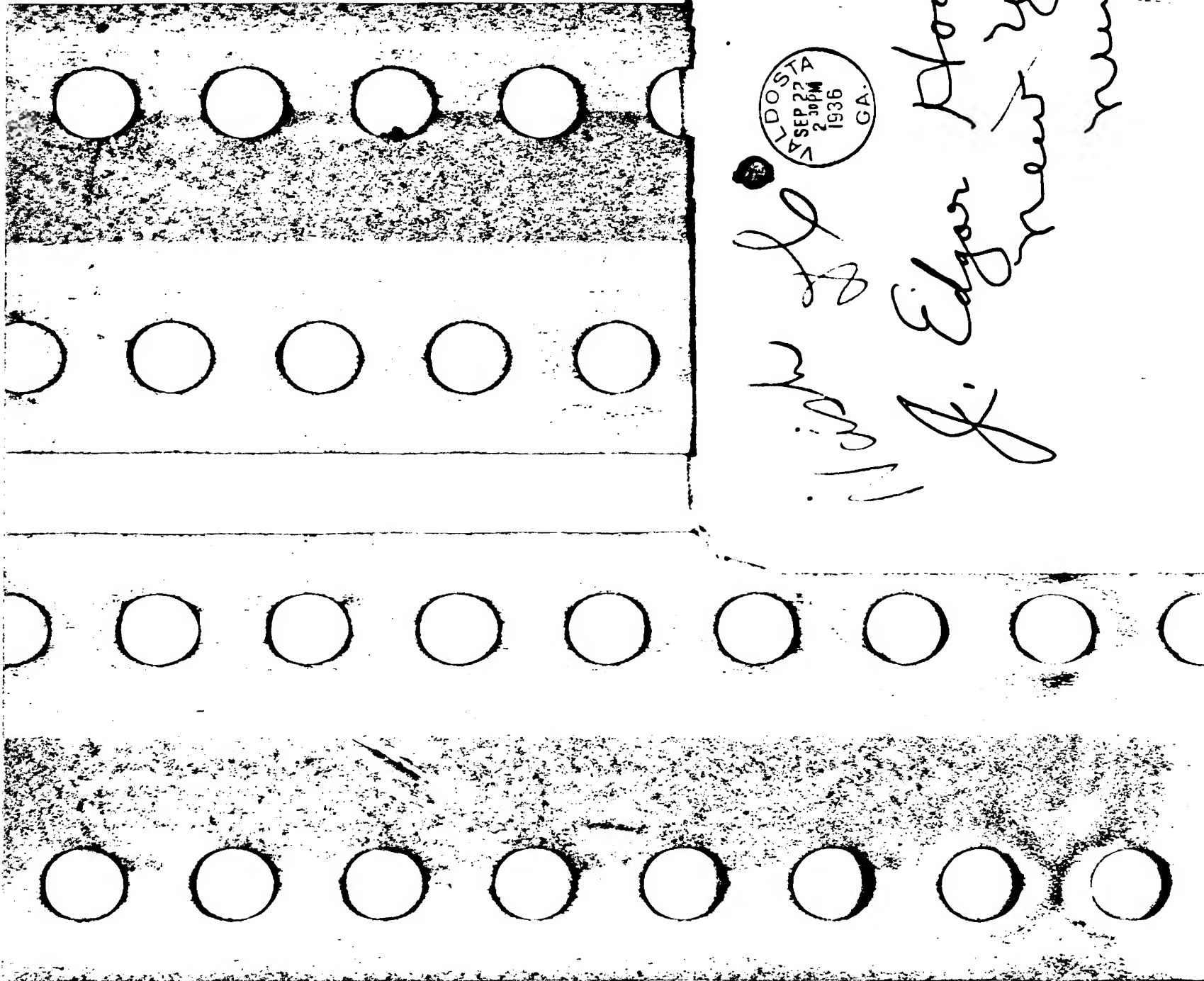
The Bell boy gossip was  
Carpio paid Madame one  
thousand bucks to

keep him - C went out  
away at night with black  
specks on. cc Chicago  
10/8/36



A had one light bag  
man and he drew C.  
from that hole - if A  
were to tell him to  
shoot the President he  
would do it, if you  
could ever get him to  
talk. If ever two men  
ought to be behind the  
bars it is Adams & Bright.  
They have cheated, killed  
they are scared men,  
and get all the big  
Dorchester fight the  
case. They let all that  
pass as if it was nothing.  
But this light negro  
A man was killed at  
the base block and Adams  
paid all the money for

\* Dog trainer



High 22

J. Edgar Hoover,  
New York  
New York

7-376-12716 October 8, 1936.  
RCS:MK

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases; FUGITIVE, I. O. 1238;  
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim, KIDNAPING. OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE. HARBORING OF  
FUGITIVES. NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

There are transmitted herewith  
for your information photostatic copies of an  
anonymous communication received at the Bureau  
on September 20, 1936, concerning Joe Adams.

It is noted therein that the  
bellboys, presumably at the El Comodore Hotel,  
have information that Karpis paid \$1000 to Adams  
for protection.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc Cincinnati  
Chicago

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAILED  
OCT 10 - 1936  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 12057

Laboratory Report

Case: Re: BREKID

Number: 7-576-12917

Specimens:

- 7-576-12917 Q6. Photostatic copy of original bill of sale No. 390144, signed "Chas. Miller".  
Q7. One new car order dated Sept. 13, 1935, signed "Chas. Miller".

Examination requested by: Cleveland

Date received: 9-29-36 Jwp 4:00 PM

Recd 10/4/36.

Examination requested: Documents

Result of examination: *Compound with writing of 10/3 WSD/V*  
*Persons named below Examination by: [Signature]*  
*+ on reverse side. No ident. [Signature]*  
*but with Fred Hunter - No Conclusion Blackburn*

RETURN ORIGINALS - INCLUDING PHOTOSTATIC COPY Q6. *Get more*  
SEND PHOTOGRAPHIC COPY OF Q7 TO CLEVELAND OFFICE. *Comparable specimens.*

CC: Chicago  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

Q6 Chas. Miller & Chas. Miller

Q7 Chas. Miller 6604 Pearl Rd

<u>Elmer Farmer</u>	<u>no</u>	<u>Wearner</u>	} signs only
<u>Harry Campbell</u>	<u>no</u>	<u>Lo Donald</u>	
		<u>R A Nelson</u>	
<u>Joe Doyle</u>	<u>no</u>	<u>My. McEaton</u>	" "
<u>Valney Davis</u>	<u>no</u>	<u>Wm Elmer Meade</u>	<u>no</u>
		<u>Geo E Wearner</u>	<u>no basis for comp</u>
		<u>Dr. P Moran</u>	<u>Yes</u>

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Laboratory Report

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Result of examination:

*on file*  
Examination by Appel (1)

RETURN ORIGINALS - INCLUDING PHOTOSTATIC COPY Q6.

SEND PHOTOGRAPHIC COPY OF Q7 TO CLEVELAND OFFICE.

CC: Chicago  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago  
Cincinnati  
St. Paul

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*No conclusion  
probably Fred Hunter.*

*Ans  
10/7/36  
Cua*

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

September 26, 1936

Transmit the following message to:

SAC CLEVELAND

YOUR LETTER SEPTEMBER TWENTYFOUR FLOYD L. WILSON VICTIM  
EXTORTION ENCLOSURES NOT RECEIVED. YOUR LETTER SEPTEMBER  
TWENTY FOUR BREKID ENCLOSURES NOT RECEIVED. ADVISE IMMEDIATELY

HOOVER

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

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ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

September 24, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

On September 22, 1936, it was ascertained by Special Agents A. Paul Kitchin and R. T. Noonan, at Youngstown, Ohio, that the 1935 Ford V8 coupe, which was allegedly purchased by John Brock in Toledo, Ohio, for Harry O Campbell, was traded to the Manning-Marino Motor Company, Youngstown, Ohio, on September 16, 1935, for a 1935 Hudson coupe, motor #68021. The individual who signed the original order for this Hudson at the Manning-Marino Motor Company, and who signed that bill of sale transferring this Ford automobile to this company, used the name of CHARLES MILLER.

A photostatic copy of the original bill of sale, signed by Charles Miller, and the original new car order signed by Charles Miller, 6604 Pearl Road, were obtained from the Mahoning County Clerk's office and A. R. Marino, of the Manning-Marino Motor Company, respectively.

The above mentioned bill of sale and order are being forwarded to the laboratory with the request that the signature of Charles Miller be compared with the known specimens of the handwriting on file of the members and associates of the Barker-Karpis mob, in order to assist in identifying the individual who actually transacted the trade for the above-mentioned Hudson coupe for Campbell.

It is suggested that photostatic copies be made of the original new car order, retaining a copy for the file of this case in the Bureau, and returning the original, with one copy, to the Cleveland office, as it has been requested by the Manning-Marino Motor Company, that the original be returned to them when it has served its purpose. It is also respectfully requested that when the photostatic copy of the bill of sale executed by Charles Miller has

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served its purpose, that same be returned to the Cleveland office.

APK/EJB  
Enclosures (2)  
REGISTERED MAIL

CC - Chicago  
- Cincinnati

Very truly yours,

*J. P. MacFarland*  
J. P. MacFARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

CAA:EG

October 10, 1936.

7-575-12917 ✓

Mr. J. P. MacFarland,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: Brekid.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report #12037, in connection with the above-entitled case.

In accordance with the statement contained therein, there are returned herewith the following specimens, together with a photographic copy of specimen Q7:

- 7-575-12917 Q6. Photostatic copy of original bill of sale #390144, signed "Chas. Miller".  
Q7. One new car order dated September 18, 1936, signed "Chas. Miller".

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #1023165

REGISTERED MAIL

cc - Chicago

Photos. made for our files.

Mr. Connelley, Chicago
Cincinnati
St. Paul
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ACS:GJ

SEPTEMBER 24, 1936.

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

REKID. ADVISE IMMEDIATELY STATUS OF TRIAL MATTHEW OLESON.

HOOVER.

*Handwritten:* E. J. Connelley

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- Mr. Baughman
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- Mr. Foxe
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Joseph
- Mr. Lester

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Per

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

September 24, 1936

Special Agent in Charge  
Cleveland, Ohio

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of September 19,  
1936, I desire to advise that a wanted notice  
has been placed in the files of the Automobile  
Protective and Information Bureau, Chicago,  
for 1935 Ford Deluxe Coupe, Motor #18-1615253.

Very truly yours,

DML:LJM  
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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Bureau  
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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
September 24, 1936

Mr. John J. Ryan  
Superintendent  
United States Detention Farm  
Milan, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Re: BREKID

This will acknowledge receipt of photostatic copies of four letters written by Wynona Burdette, an inmate of your institution, to her sisters Millie, Esther and Eunice and her brother, Art.

The receipt is also acknowledged of photostatic copy of letter written by Dolores Delaney to Mr. and Mrs. Karpis under date of September 9, 1936.

Thanking you for your cooperation in transmitting these to us, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Herold H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

HRH:AM  
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NORTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY  
BELL SYSTEM

COPY

MINNEAPOLIS

September 21, 1936.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of September 5th in which you expressed appreciation for my cooperation with your representatives assigned to the Hamm and Bremer kidnaping cases. If what I did was to some extent helpful, I feel that I was merely discharging my responsibility as a citizen.

Sincerely yours,



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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

September 24, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There is presently in the supply room of the Chicago Bureau Office a dark blue overcoat belonging to Volney Davis, which overcoat was recovered following his escape from the airplane at Yorkville, Illinois, in February of 1935.

It is requested that the Bureau advise as to the disposition to be made of this overcoat.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - St. Paul  
Kansas City  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
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*cc -*  
*S. H. 10/2/36 Rcs*

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*Davis should give us a written statement to what disposition he makes of it*  
*9/28/36*  
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7-576 -12922 October 2, 1936.

RCS:MK

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases; FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232;  
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim, KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF  
FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

The Chicago office of the Bureau is in  
possession of a dark blue overcoat belonging to Volney  
Davis, which overcoat was recovered following his escape  
at Yorkville, Illinois, in February, 1935.

It is requested that your office interview  
Volney Davis and obtain from him a written order as to  
what disposition he desires to be made of this overcoat.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC-Chicago

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 2118

Detroit - Michigan

September 24, 1936

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Transmitted to the Bureau and to the offices listed below are copies of letter written by Dolores Delaney to Mr. and Mrs. Karpis, under date of September 9, 1936.

Also transmitted are copies of four letters written by Wynona Burdette, as follows: To her sister, Millie, dated September 3; to her sister, Esther, dated September 7; to her sister, Eunice, dated September 9; and to her brother, Art, dated September 9.

Photostatic copies of the above letters were received at the Detroit Office through Mr. John J. Ryan, Superintendent of the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan.

Very truly yours,

*Herold H. Reinecke*  
Herold H. Reinecke  
Special Agent in Charge

HHR:AM

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10 enclosures

ENCLOSURE

cc-St. Paul (5 enclosures)

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111 West Water St.  
Lewiston, Penn.

Milan, Mich.  
Sept. 9, 1936  
Box 1000

Darling Brother & Sis:

How are you getting along? Are you still working. I hope you are as we are more satisfied when we are doing some thing, don't you think?

I have been looking for a letter from you Kids every day, but I guess it's to early in the month, huh?

I had a letter from Esther Labor Day and Gwen was hurt, I guess she is in a pretty bad shape from the way Esther talked. Gwen and her boy friend was swinging and pumping as high as they could go, Gwen fell out & hit on her head & knees and the Dr. had to lance her head and keep opening it as it won't drain as it should and naturally poor little Esther is worried to death.

Mildred has been sick, that poor kid has more trouble, doesn't she? I heard from her a few days ago and she was telling me she didn't know what she would do this winter because the garden had burned up and there was nothing to can this year. As you know she only gets \$20.00 a month from Glispies and that sure don't go very far when you have 6 Kiddies to send to school and feed. I feel so sorry for her, she must get so lonesome. Mildred never was the kind to complaint but I can tell by her letters that she is all worked out.

I am feeling pretty good for a change, ha. I better knock on wood, hadn't I?

How is Helen & your self feeling these hot days? I shouldn't say these hot days because it's been rather cool up here. How is the weather down there.

Brother dear, are you writing any songs now? I have racked my brain trying to write the words to one and can only get 1 verse and no chorus, ha ha, if I ever get it finished I want you to put a tune to it because I wouldn't know how to start writing those notes. Will you please? And any way I can't read music, maybe someday I will tho!

Gee, I'm sitting here writing and so hungry I could fall out. I sure wish dinner would hurry and come up. I must have a tape worm, ha ha, no, but really I don't no more get up from the table until I am hungry again. We have had canteloup 3 or 4 times and that gives as bad an appetite as oranges does. I guess that is the reason I'm so skinny. I eat so much it keeps me thin carrying it around.

Well, Brother of mine, I'm not going to write much this month as

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I have told you all the news and have nothing else to write about.

So I will close for this time, maybe I will do something new to tell you about next time.

You Kids write & tell me all about yourselves, and be good.

Answer real soon. Oodles & oodles of love from

Your own baby sis,

Nona B.

-copy-

Eunice Hughes

Milan, Michigan  
Sept. 9, 1938  
Box 1000

My darling sister:

I am trying to get my letters out early this month, as I have an awfully lot of sewing to do and I must get it done and downstairs to sell.

How are you getting along? Is Jim & Ellen at your place? If so how are they?

When have you been out to Millies? I wish you kids would give her a little more of your time. Do you and Jimmie ever sit down and think? Just how you would feel if you were left with 6 little children, you know and I know that Mildred is working & worrying her self to death. Please honey give her a little more consideration won't you & Jim go out there once or twice a week and do her washing and ironing. Eunice, sweet, you must not know how she suffers, even though she suffers inwardly. I can see in her letters that she needs help, she's so alone honey girl. You know Eunice, Millie & Esther have been so good to we other Kids, I don't know what we are thinking about, sometimes I think I'm crazy I don't know what ever possessed me to do the things I have did, but I am oh so sorry, and I know this place has opened my eyes. I want to help Mildred so much. You kids help her with her work and you will be repaid some time.

What have you been doing for your self lately? Did you hear about Gwen getting hurt? Where is Ellen at now? At your place or Esther's?

I have been trying to get back on the sewing machine but I don't know, I like it and my time passes so much faster when I'm working all day. I hate to sit around, as you know. I got to sew a little yesterday. I made myself a pair of leather bedroom slippers, and they fit just like they were boughten ones, ha, ha, well they are kinda cute any way. Do you ever do any sewing? You should try it. It is real interesting. The girl I chum with just passed my door and was kidding me. They tell me I can get in some of the funniest positions when I go to write a letter that they ever saw. I'm sitting up here in the middle of the bed, looks as though I might be picking my toe nails instead of writing, ha ha.

I think I told you about going to get some new dresses didn't I? Well, we got them, and they are just as cute as can be. One of mine is

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Red and the other one is Brown, they are made sorta Princess style and I like a fitting dress and I like it to look neat.

Oh, gosh, I'll be glad when I can come home. I get so lonesome any more. I get the most longing feeling, do you ever get that way? There playing, smile darn you smile on the radio and it makes me think of the good old days when we were using that music for our theme song on the show. Don't you wish we Kids were all together like that again (huh?) oh, boy, I do.

I haven't heard from Art this month yet and I've got to write him tomorrow too.

Eunice dear, what are you & Jim doing now. Are you working together or are you and Chuck doing pretty good now? And Ruth, how is she, does she still get lonesome? Esther said Ruth & Whinnery were up to their place twice and stayed a week both times. I have often wondered about Rootie toot toot and the green beans, ha ha, how's she coming along with her garden?

Oh, honey girl, I am so tired, I feel like a grandma. I've set cramped up here so long my legs feel as though they were broken.

I have a picture of the prettiest German police dog sticking up here on my wall, he looks just like Link. Remember poor little Link. Art sure loved him didn't he? He was a smart thing.

Oh yes, how did you come out on your Mr. Perkins business?

Honey, have you ever got those songs wrote off. I think I told you I had permission to have them, I would love to have them, especially that one about the Bunk house tonight.

And my picture too, have you forgotten about it?

Well, honey girl, I must close as I have run out of anything to say, so be good dear and stop drinking. Answer soon. Loads & Loads of love,

Your Baby sis, Nona B.

P.S. Tell Jim & Ruth to drop a few lines in with you and our baby Ellen, too.

Nona.

-copy- (Esther)

Milan, Mich.  
Sept. 7, 1936  
Box 1000

My Darling Sister & Family:

Just got yours & Gwen's letters a few minutes ago and am going to try and answer right back.

Esther dear, how in the world did Gwen ever happen to fall out of that swing, poor little dear. I'm so sorry to hear of her being hurt, honestly my heart bleeds for her, she is such a sweet & loving child. Darling, don't worry so much. Gwen will be all right. Why don't you take her to a good Dr. or should I say one that has had more practice. Dr. Logan is all right but, well, I just don't like him. What is wrong with Dr. Walker? Esther, if she doesn't get any better right away, why don't you take her down to Tulsa? To the Medical Arts Building. There are two awfully good Doctors there that I know quite well. In fact, one of them saved my life (Remember? Dr. Johnson) and Dr. Flannigan is awfully good, too. I hope when this letter reaches you, you will all be feeling fine.

How is Blanche and her family getting along? I bet they are still strutting over their big boy.

So Jim & Eunice are still living in Tulsa. I think a little encouragement would straighten those kids up. Esther, dear, I wish you would give them a good talking to. They were going pretty good when I left Ponca. I can't imagine what in the world has come over everyone, they give the other fellow no consideration whatever. Look at poor little Millie, sits out there all alone & no one ever takes her & those babies out for a joy ride or anything. I guess Whinnery got a coupe so no one can go with her & Ruth. I think Jim & Eunice could go out there once or twice a week & do Millie's washing & ironing for her, and take a little of that work off of her, don't you? That is just too much work for Millie cause I remember what Dr. Humphry told Clyde & I the night Cecil was borned. Mildred is not strong enough to stand up under that strain and little Nonie knows it. Eunice & Jim might as well make up their minds that they help me (when I get out of here) help Millie, her babies & Ellen L. It will take all three of us to buy their clothes and help put them through school. Jim & Eunice are good to help if they have some one to stand by them. It may be 1938 when I get out of here but I'm sure coming out with my people on my mind. I have a lot to make up to them. You all have sure stuck by me & been real Pals and your little sis can not forget it.

Gee, I'm feeling good lately. I better knock on wood hadn't I? but really I feel better then I have felt in 2 years or more and that is saying a lot.

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How is your Hubby getting along? good? that's good, tell him, Hi, for me. Is he still as purt as ever, ha, ha. I can see him panting and hear him whistling his little tune, remember? I'm trying to think of something to write about and honestly dear I just can't seem to, oh, yes, you said you were going to write, so you would get a letter from me this month, didn't you get my letter last month? I wrote and ask you all about your vacation. I try to write all of your ever month, whether I hear or not, but I really love those letters, the more the merrier.

Esther, will you please give me the answers to these questions? first, Where was Papa & Mama borned, Second, When did they pass away. 3. How old were they when they passed away. 4. When is all of you Kids birthdays. 5. Where were all of you borned. 6. Where was I borned. 7. What is your ages. 8. What year was I married to Bill. 9. When did I marry Eldon and what year. I need these answers to make out my parole papers. I understand I have to have a job if I make parole, and what they call a first friend. The way I understand it, I have to have someone to kinda vouch for me. If you could see some one and find out just what I need to make parole I will certainly live up to it. Try to do this favor for me as it will mean so much to me & you both. Will you do this and let me know by the middle of next month and that is when I expect my parole papers and if you can't do it let me know as I will know what to do. You know, Esther, you are the one I can depend on, for a favor like this, and I know you and Richard are willing to do all you can for me.

Well, dear, I am going to ring off and write a line or two to Gwen. Esther, please answer this as early as possible because I'm not sure but what it might be the first of next month that I will get my parole papers. Please, sister of mine, do all you can. Loads & Loads of Love from your own baby sis, Nona B.

- MILAN -

Hello, My little sweet:-

How are you feeling? Is that pretty little head of ours well yet? Gee, I hope so. I hate to hear of you being ill.

So, Gwen got herself a dress. Im glad and I would love to see it on you, and your new shoes too. Have you had a nice vacation? What have you been doing? going to shows & what not, I guess. I made me a pair f leather house slippers to-day they are sorta cute. I love to make them. It's really interesting.

Say, Little dear, we have a swing up on the roof, and I am sure going to quit swinging so high, cause I might faw down and do boom, huh. What you say? Well, honey, dirl, Aunty hasn't much to write about but I thought a few words would kinda help cheer you up.

Aunty goes up for a try at parole in a few weeks and I sure hope I will be on my way back home before many more months. Oh, yes, we have some new dresses, they are real cute. We have two a piece, mine are Brown & Red, print - you know.

I have your picture sitting up on my stand and you look just as sweet as ever even if you have got black eyes, ha ha, my girl friend is sitting here playing the banjo and I can't even spell right, so must close and pick a little on it too.

Answer soon.

Goobs & Loads of love to my carling little Neice, from your old

Aunt Nonie

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(Millie)

Milan, Mich.  
Sept. 3, 1936  
Box 1000

My darling sister & neices:

Received your sweet letter a couple or three days ago and was I ever glad to hear from you so soon.

How are you getting along by now? How are all the kiddies, poor little Cecil. How is his head. I hope it is well. Say, Millie, dear, those headaches you are having must be what is wrong with me as my spine and the back of my head nearly runs me crazy at times, you know I was telling you about the glands being swollen in my neck. I guess it's caused from those headaches and the Dr. gave me some white liniment to massage mine with and told me to use heat on it altho the Dr. here told me mine was caused from a fracture. And if I were you before I gave in for a operation I would sure see other Doctors as Dr. Humphery is great for cutting, and how.

Gee, I'm sure glad the babies did so well in Bible school. I guess anything like that is really interesting. And one does hate to have it close. I guess it's something grand to have 6 Kiddies that take an interest in that sort of thing instead of foolishness. No wonder you are proud of 'em you certainly have a right to be.

My word, Millie, your children will be grown women by the time I come home won't they? Well, Mary E. can just about wear my clothes can't she. Boy, oh boy, I guess we have a new little lady in our family. I wonder if they will know their Auntie when she goes (free), ha, ha. Bless your big sweet heart, sister-o-mine, if I ever get out of here, I will see that you get to go some where once in a while. But, Dear, don't be disappointed if I don't come home on parole, as you know it is pretty hard to make it, but I pray day & night that I will make it as I know you could use my help, and I want to come home and work and help you with clothing and schooling those sweet kiddies (and try my best to make you all happy). I am so proud of you and your family. You are doing wonderful, Millie.

How is poor little Ellen L. Bless her little heart. I want to help put her through school too. In fact, I am going to help, she 's such a darling little thing, isn't she?

How is Homer & his Wife getting along? When are they going to increase their family? Ha, ha, now that is good, isn't it.

Honey girl, I don't blame you for keeping those fellows at the gate. You know what it would mean if Willard would keep coming there. Those people there in Camp would start talking. they're so blamed nosey and love to gossip, too. well to suit me. Any who, I mean the other people that lived there when I was home.

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Millie, I wish you would quite worrying so much and for 1 sakes why can't Eunice or some of the kids come out to your place once week and help you wash & iron & clean house. I don't think it would ma them any. I'll just write & ask Eunice if her & Jim won't come out & take a little of that work off of you. Gee the Kids are sure changing since I was home. You know people used to think we were storying when we said we were sisters because we were so crazy about one another. I can not understand it. What in the world has come over them any way?

Now wasn't that cute in Cecil saying not to tell Aunt Nonie about his head cause I would want something put on it, and it would worry me if that isn't about as cute as anything I ever heard I'll put in with you, bless his heart. Give them all a big kiss for me and be sure & have them kiss you, for me.

Land, oh, mercy, you will have to excuse this scribbling as I'm sitting here in bed trying to write. I didn't have anything to do so I ask to be excused & come to bed, it's been pretty chilli up in here lately and I don't mind climbing into bed early.

I'm feeling better than I've felt in months, no kidding either. I haven't had one of those spells with my head for 2 weeks now, and I feel pretty lucky.

Honey, your letters can't be to long. I really enjoy reading them. No, I could never get tired reading them.

I had a letter from Esther & Gwen yesterday and Esther was telling me about Gwen being hurt. Isn't that terrible. I'll swan you Kids have more hard luck. It seems more so since I've been in prison, doesn't it to you?

I made me some leather house slippers to-day and they are real cute. I like 'em fine.

Well, sis, dear, I'm going to close & go to sleep as I can hardly keep my winkers open.

Quite worrying honey girl, and stop working so hard. Do you hear me now.

Nite, Nite, darlings. A Million bushels of love from your baby sis & Aunty.

Nona B.

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Milan, Michigan  
Box 1000  
Sept. 9 - 36.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Karpis;

I just received a letter from Clara and thought I had better write you now. You know that Clara wrote me last month and told me Alvin wouldn't be allowed to write me but that he could receive any letters I sent him. Well I wrote him and my letter was returned from Washington with a note saying it wouldn't be proper for Alvin and I to write to each other as we weren't married. You can probably imagine how I felt. When you write him please tell him I am going to keep on trying to get permission and I am sure I will be able to eventually. Tell him I am feeling just fine and I hope things are going as well for him as could be expected.

I have been on pins and needles since Clara told me of those pictures you are having made of Little Ray. I am so anxious to see them and I know Alvin will be tickled to get some. You are allowed to send him pictures, aren't you? I certainly hope so as I know things like that will mean a great deal to him I know Little Ray must be getting along fine and getting better looking every day - every time my brother writes me he says I have the best looking and most active boy there has ever been.

I've heard from all of my people lately but none of them seem to be getting along any too well - except my brother - at least he never tells me any different. I guess he wouldn't tell me if anything was wrong tho' 'cause he would be afraid I would worry.

Clara said that she hoped I would be with you all in Chicago this winter. It certainly makes me feel good to know that I am wanted but I don't believe there is even the slightest chance of my getting there. I really don't expect to make parole although of course I'm going to try hard, but even if I did, you know I am not eligible until Nov. 24 and then I doubt whether the parole board would be here before next March and they would most likely set my time for the latter part of next summer. I don't know whether I would have to have a job or not - I've been told that you can't make parole unless you have a job waiting for you - but then of course a person in a place like this is always hearing things that don't amount to anything.

Well I shall say goodbye for now but will write again early next month. Give my love to Alvin and kiss Little Ray for me and write me again soon. Tell Clara I certainly enjoy getting her letters.

Love,  
Dolores

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SANFORD BATES  
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF PRISONS  
WASHINGTON

August 17, 1936.

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

I am transmitting a copy of a letter  
just received from Warden Johnston at  
Alcatraz for such action as you deem appro-  
priate. The Warden was of the opinion that  
the matter therein referred to may be of  
some significance and interest to your Bureau.

*Sanford Bates*  
Director.

Enc.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
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Department of Justice  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
Alcatraz Island, California

August 11, 1936

Director  
Bureau of Prisons  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The receipt of several prisoners who were tried and convicted in St Paul for their participation in the Hamm kidnaping case reminds me of an incident that may or may not have some significance and may be of interest to the Bureau of Investigation.

On the night of Saturday, August 1, 1936, Custodial Officer Warren, who was on duty in the Armory, rang me at my residence on the local telephone and told me that somebody was on the long distance telephone and insisting upon giving a message to a prisoner and to his statement that he could not take messages for prisoners, the party insisted on talking to the Warden.

I told him to transfer the long distance call to me and the person on the other end was telephoning from St. Paul insistently urging that he be allowed to talk to prisoner Harry Sawyer. When I told him that was not permissible under any circumstances, then he said, "Well, you tell Harry that Piefer committed suicide." Notwithstanding the fact that I told him repeatedly that I would not transmit any such message he kept repeating it and urging me to deliver it to Sawyer. I asked for his name which he gave as Paul Gores. From his conversation I got the impression that he had been drinking, though all the time he was polite though insistent in his urging.

The next morning I received the following telegram:

WESTERN UNION CA9 12 NM Wadena Minn  
WARDEN JOHNSTON  
ALCATRAZ ISLAND CALIF

THANKS FOR CONVERSATION TELL HARRY ~~PIEFER~~ COMMITTED  
SUICIDE DROP ME A LINE  
PAUL GORES

I have never heard of the man before and his name does not appear in our files in any way but Deputy Shuttleworth, who formerly lived in St. Paul, says that he has heard of him as a keeper of a tavern or roadhouse at Four Corners near Hastings and is well known to the head of the Alcohol Tax Unit at St. Paul.

Sincerely,

7-576-12924 J.A. Johnston, Warden

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter which was forwarded to the Bureau by the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, Washington, D. C., which letter was directed to the Bureau of Prisons by Gordon J. A. Johnston, United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, under date of August 11, 1936.

You will note that one Paul Gores in telephonic and telegraphic communications endeavored to get information to Harry Sawyer, an inmate of the Penitentiary, that Piefer had committed suicide. Your attention is invited to the case entitled HAROLD BERGMAN, CR; ARTS FILE BY LEPC-MCR, in which case information is contained concerning one Paul Gores. It is requested that Paul Gores be interviewed and that it be ascertained from him what purpose he had in mind in communicating with Gordon Johnston at Alcatraz, it being considered that possibly his true motive was not merely just to advise Harry Sawyer that Piefer had committed suicide.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Pittsburgh, Pa.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-23-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-18-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>M. A. Bangert</b>
TITLE <b>HOWARD THOMPSON alias "POLLY" THOMPSON; MRS. MARGARET THOMPSON - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Margaret Thompson, prostitute, located Clarksburg, W.Va. and furnished signed statement that in December 1933 or January 1934 she and her husband, Howard Thompson, drove in her car from Clarksburg to Toledo, Ohio, where she engaged in prostitution at Jean Ford's place. Information developed involving Jean Ford in conspiracy in accepting prostitute Rose Morgan into her place knowing she had been transported there from Clarksburg, W.Va. for prostitution. Also accepting an unknown prostitute into her place who had been transported from Clarksburg. New case opened by Pittsburgh Office with Jean Ford as subject. U.S. Atty. Clarksburg considers prosecutive action against Jean Ford with Thompson and others as witnesses.

**DETAILS:**

**AT CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA.**

This matter is based upon investigation requested by the Cleveland Bureau Office in the report of Special Agent R. O. Suran, dated at Cleveland July 3, 1936, in the case entitled, ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim; KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. This report requested that instant matter be carried as HOWARD THOMPSON, and MRS. MARGARET THOMPSON-Victim, Cleveland origin. Further, that copies of this

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report should be designated for the Brekid case for the Cincinnati, Cleveland, Chicago, and St. Paul Bureau Offices, which is being done.

MARGARET THOMPSON was located at the "MAY BUNNELL" house of prostitution at 507 Winnegar Street, Glen Elk, Clarksburg, West Virginia, on September 18, 1936, and furnished a signed statement which is being set forth subsequently in this report. In this statement MARGARET THOMPSON set forth that her husband transported her from Clarksburg, West Virginia, in her automobile, to Toledo, Ohio, in 1934, where she engaged in prostitution at the JEAN FORD place located at 352 Nebraska Avenue.

The statement of MARGARET THOMPSON is as follows:

" I, Margaret Thompson, married to Howard Thompson, make the following voluntary statement to H. A. Bangert, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, made this 18th day of September, 1936, at the office of the United States Attorney, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

I am twenty-five years of age, and was born in Clarksburg West Virginia. I have been married five years in August, 1936, having married Howard Thompson in Toledo, Ohio, in August, 1931.

Sometime in 1931 Opal Payne, Betty Church and myself left Clarksburg, W. Va., in an automobile driven by John George and drove through to Toledo, Ohio, I going there for the purpose of seeing Ida Thomas who was from Clarksburg, W. Va., and who was then engaged in prostitution at Toledo, Ohio. After our arrival in Toledo John George was later arrested for white slavery, for transporting these girls to Toledo and was prosecuted in the Federal Court at Toledo and was sentenced to serve a term of 18 months in the penitentiary. At that time I was held as a material witness against George for several months, in jail at Toledo.

After we arrived in Toledo I saw Ida Thomas and she had an apartment on Nebraska Avenue, and was prostituting elsewhere. After I had been there a short time I met Jean Ford, who was driving a Packard Roadster, and I inquired of Jean for a place to work. She took me to her place at 352 Nebraska Avenue, and I remained there and engaged in prostitution for a period of approximately three months. I then returned to Clarksburg, W. Va., and in July, 1931 returned by bus to Toledo, O., where Howard Thompson was working in the produce business. Thompson is



originally from Clarksburg, W. Va., and I have known him for approximately 10 years. Upon my return to Toledo Howard Thompson and I were married there August 8, 1931. After being married I remained at Ida Thomas' place for several months. Ida Thomas was married to Charles Brown, who was in Toledo at the time. Brown said to be the brother of Joe E. Brown, of Hollywood. It was during this stay in Toledo that I was held as a material witness and after being released Howard, my husband, and I returned to Clarksburg, W. Va., where we went to the home of his mother at 230 1/2 Milford Street, and my husband worked for Harold Roush in the produce business.

Sometime in December, 1933, or January, 1934, my husband and I left Clarksburg in my Ford Roadster, 1931 Model, and drove through to Toledo, Ohio. We went to Jean Ford's place at 352 Nebraska Avenue, where my husband assisted Ray Powell, the husband of Jean Ford, on his produce truck. We both stayed at Jean Ford's place. I engaged in prostitution at Jean Ford's place at that time but my husband did not know I was doing this.

We remained at Jean's place five or six months, and sometime around the middle of 1934 I had trouble with my husband and he left Toledo, and came back to Clarksburg, W. Va., and the following day after he had left Toledo I left in my automobile and drove back to Clarksburg, W. Va.

While I was at Jean Ford's place the latter part of 1933 or first of 1934, Rosanna Cross, of Clarksburg, W. Va., came to Jean's Place. At that time Rosanna was with Felix Lacaria, also of Clarksburg, whose father runs a barber shop opposite the street car terminal in Clarksburg. I have known Felix for approximately eight years. Felix and Rosanna both roomed at Jean's place during which time Rosanna engaged in prostitution at Jean Ford's place and Felix stayed with her. Rosanna Cross remained at Jean's place two or three weeks and she and Felix had an argument and she left Ford's place and went down to some place of prostitution on Cherry Street, the location unknown to me. Rosanna remained there for some time and I do not know when she returned to Clarksburg. I have seen her in Clarksburg on several occasions since my return.

Sometime after that Felix Lacaria again returned to Jean Ford's place in Toledo, O., in company with Rose Morgan, of Clarksburg, West Virginia. The night of the day that Rose and Felix arrived there I talked with Rose and learned that she was

from Clarksburg. She also engaged in prostitution at Jean Ford's place and remained there about two weeks. Felix remained at Jean Ford's place with her. Rose Morgan and Felix left Jean's place together and I do not know where they went but I have since seen them both in Clarksburg, W. Va.

During my stay at Jean Ford's place I recall that Timiney, head of the Toledo Vice Squad and a detective known as Peters raided Jean Ford's place on several occasions during the night time. Jean received a fine each time and was released. I think she was arrested only once for a disorderly house and one time for liquor. That was the only time I ever saw Timiney and Peters. I am not acquainted with Ted Angus and the Fretti Brothers, nor do I know Susan Howard, and I have never heard any of these names mentioned while I was in Jean Ford's place.

During my stay in Toledo on these several occasions I at no time engaged in prostitution at any other place except Jean Ford's place. I at no time heard Jean Ford say or anybody in her place remark that any protection was being paid to the Toledo Police Department.

My husband is with me in Clarksburg, W. Va. at this time, we reside at 309 N. 5th St., and he is presently employed for himself, driving his own truck in the produce business.

I have read the above statement and it is true and correct, and I have made it voluntarily with a desire to tell the truth in this matter.

(Signed) Margaret Thompson "

Witnesses;  
(Signed) H. A. Bangert,  
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Inv.,  
U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
Pittsburgh, Pa. "

The attention of the Cleveland Bureau Office and other interested offices is invited to the case entitled, "JEAN FORD; FELIX LACARIA; - ROSE MORGAN - Victim; UNKNOWN VICTIM; WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT, Pittsburgh origin, copies of the initial report in this case being forwarded to the Chicago, St. Paul, and Cincinnati Bureau Offices also.

It will be noted that prosecutive action is to be instituted by the United States Attorney at Clarksburg, West Virginia, against Subject FELIX LACARIA and that prosecutive action will likely be instituted against JEAN FORD for having received the Morgan girl and the Thompson girl into her place of prostitution in Toledo after they had been transported there from Clarksburg, West Virginia, knowing they had been transported in interstate commerce. It is also noted that the name JEAN FORD figures in the Brekid investigation in Toledo, Ohio, and that she will likely be prosecuted in instant case, in view of which MARGARET THOMPSON will be a material witness against her as having been accepted into her house of prostitution after having been transported there from Clarksburg, West Virginia.

In view of the above situation, the United States Attorney at Clarksburg is inclined to use MARGARET THOMPSON and her husband as witnesses against LACARIA and JEAN FORD on charges of conspiracy to violate the White Slave Traffic Act, and would not consider prosecutive action against HOWARD THOMPSON for transporting his wife, Margaret, from Clarksburg to Toledo. It is noted that HOWARD THOMPSON was known to JEAN FORD prior to the time he took his wife to her place and she was informed that Thompson and his wife had arrived there from Clarksburg, West Virginia, and she, Ford, accepted the wife into her house of prostitution.

It is believed that more information may be expected from JEAN STONE in the Brekid case, if she should be brought to Clarksburg for prosecutive action in the case being investigated against her.

In view of the above situation, this matter is being held as pending in the Pittsburgh Office while investigation is being conducted into the JEAN FORD; FELIX LACARIA; ROSE MORGAN-Victim; UNKNOWN VICTIM - WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT matters.

HOWARD THOMPSON, not available for interview at this time, is described by his wife as follows:

Age:	26 years
Height:	5' 6"
Weight:	169 - 172 lbs.
Build:	Stout
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Blue
Nationality:	American
Color:	White
Complexion:	Medium
Teeth:	Good
Occupation:	Truck driver; produce man.

MARGARET THOMPSON is described by Agent as follows:

Age:	25 years (born Clarksburg, W.Va. 3-13-11)
Height:	5' 6 1/2"
Weight:	118 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Dark brown
Eyes:	Gray
Teeth:	Regular, upper left center gold crown
Complexion:	Medium
Color:	White
Nationality:	American
Marital:	Married to Howard Thompson
Scars:	Small circular scar, left thumb
Residence:	309 N. 5th St., Glen Elk, Clarksburg, W.Va.
Occupation:	Prostitute
Parents:	Bessie Bailey, mother, Mannington, W.Va. Sis Bailey, father, Clarksburg, W.Va.
Fingerprints:	Forwarded Bureau 1931 by Toledo, Ohio PD
Photographs:	To be obtained.

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In connection with this investigation, reference should be had to Pittsburgh file entitled, MRS. ROSS/ALEXANDER; VIOLA RUTE/HOWELL also known as MRS. MARTIN/HOWELL and VIOLA STUTLER-Victim; WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Cleveland, Ohio</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/22/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/15-21/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>S. K. McKee EJB</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER &amp; Victim,</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>San Solomon, Arthur McPool, Chris Brown, Harry Solomon, Charles Shampaign, Gus Witte, "Shorty" Conway, Morgan Gallagher, John F. Gorman, Maurice Bailus, and Louis Weeks, all of whom are employed by Harvard Club, Newburgh Heights, Ohio, were questioned at length at Cleveland office, but no admissions obtained to show that Hebebrand, et al, knew Karpis and others were fugitives this kidnaping. Investigation in vicinity pointed out by John F. Gorman failed to locate residence Milton Lett, however, filling station where he serviced Ford car with 1935 Kansas license #3-11020 was found. Statements of Harvard Club employees indicate possible irregularities in income tax matters through local accountant named Geisey. Lieutenant Barney Wolf advised Joe Jacobs told him he made telephone call to Shimmy Patton on night women arrested. Captain Emmett J. Potts denied meeting with Harvard Club representative, but said "bad paper" conversation was through anonymous telephone call to headquarters. Further investigation at Cleveland Hotel and police department fails to reflect information on "tipoff." Letters to Toledo Police Department located in Cleveland Police Department files requesting investigation following arrests women in September, 1934; photos women and subjects forwarded Toledo. No telephone located in houses of subjects in Cleveland during summer of 1934. Telephone of Beachcliff Building Company, Rocky River, Ohio, tapped 9/17/36; same unproductive to date. Summary of information obtained through tap on Ardell Quinn phone set out.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 9/15/36.

DETAILS: AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

This report represents the activities of the various Agents assigned to the harboring investigation at Cleveland, Ohio, as indicated in the body of this report with respect to the particular investigation.

Special Agents W. M. Hoffman and H. A. Snow are still maintaining a tap on the telephone of Ardell Quinn, 1916 East 84th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, a notorious house of prostitution, same being on a twenty-four hour per day basis. A summary of the relevant information obtained as a result of this tap will be set out later in this report.

On September 17, 1936, in line with Bureau authority, a tap was installed on the telephone of the Beachcliff Building Company, 1324 Blount Street, Rocky River, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland, the telephone is Academy 3697. This organization is operated by James "Shimmy" Patton and Art Hebebrand, and the purpose of the tap is to secure reactions to the questioning of the various Harvard Club employees concerning this case. The tap was installed by Special Agents C. M. Smith and L. F. Malone. The listening end is located in apartment #20 at 1370 Blount Street, the same being manned by Special Agents W. B. Matney and L. Levin. It is to be stated that this tap has not been productive and the removal of same is contemplated in the near future.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. B. Matney on September 16, 1936. Agent made final arrangements for the rental of apartment 20 in the Teshera Apartments located at 1370 Blount Avenue in Rocky River, Ohio. The above mentioned location was the most likely place to install a tap on the telephone of the Beachcliff Building Company. Rental of \$11.25 was paid which pays the rent on the above apartment until October 1, 1936.

Conversation with the caretaker of the above mentioned apartment house disclosed that this man is a very inquiring person and due to this fact it was considered advisable to contact Mr. A. J. Macbeth, A. F. Frazier Real Estate Company, who has charge of the rentals in the Teshera Apartments.

Agent contacted Mr. A. J. Macbeth, who advised that he has complete charge of the rental and management of the Teshera Apartments. He advised that the custodian of the Teshera Apartments is a Slav and although he is an excellent custodian, information has reached him at times that the custodian may have become over interested in the activities of the tenants.

Agent disclosed his identity to Mr. Macbeth, but gave no indication as to why he desired to rent the above mentioned apartment. Mr. Macbeth advised that he will keep Agent's identity confidential. He advised that he will visit the Teshera Apartments before the apartment is ready to be occupied and will advise the custodian, his employee, that Agent is a personal friend and he will expect him to act accordingly.

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Questioning of the various employees of the Harvard Club for their knowledge of the club being frequented by fugitives in this case during the summer of 1934, and later, has been continued during the period of this report with results as will be found set out hereinafter. It is to be stated that most of the persons who have been interrogated have informed that the men at the club have been discussing this matter among themselves, and it is believed that they may have received instructions from Hebebrand and Patton to appear cooperative in this matter, but not to tell anything of a damaging nature.

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Sam Solomon, residence 11328 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, presently employed at a crap table at the Harvard Club, was interrogated at the Cleveland office on September 17, 1936, by Special Agent S. K. McKee, after he had been located by Special Agent J. E. Brennan. This individual advised he was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and completed the fifth grade in the public schools; that he went to work in a delicatessen store operated by a relative when he was about sixteen years of age; that he started working in gambling houses when nineteen years of age and has been engaged in this employment continuously until the present time. He stated all of his employment has been in Cleveland, Ohio, and most of the places he has worked are now out of existence. He says he went to work at the Harvard Club about seven years ago as a blackjack dealer and is still employed by this concern. He is now a crap dealer and receives \$12.00 a day wages, with \$2.00 an hour for overtime. He stated he was working as a crap dealer during 1934.



Photographs of the various members of the Barker-Karpis gang, as well as those of persons regarded as possible subjects in this investigation, were shown to Solomon and he identified those of the following: Shimmy Patton, Art Hebebrand, Milton Lett, Fred Hunter, Dan Gallagher, Tip O'Neil, and Neil Mitchell.

He described Patton and Hebebrand as the owners of the Harvard Club. He stated that Lett worked as a shiller at the club for several months last year and he disclaimed knowing anything about Lett, except that he had worked at the place as a shiller. He recognized the picture of Hunter as that of a dealer who worked at the club for several months last year. Solomon either could not or would not furnish any information concerning associates of Lett and Hunter at the club or elsewhere. As to the photographs of Dan Gallagher, Tip O'Neil, and Neil Mitchell, he said he knew these individuals from their work at the club, with the exception of Mitchell, whom he knew as being in the real estate business and as being the son of Bill Mitchell, who formerly worked at the club.

Solomon admitted that he had seen pictures of Karpis in the newspapers and had read in the papers about his having been at the Harvard Club, but he denied ever having seen him. He also stated that he had never heard any talk among the dealers at the club about the mob having frequented the place. He advised that while at the club he sticks to his table, with the exception of his twenty minutes per hour off duty, when he generally goes outside, possibly to eat a sandwich or have a drink.

Solomon was questioned for information as to the home addresses of employees of the Harvard Club which addresses are not known to this office. The only data he could supply in this respect was that Chris Brown lives in an apartment on the north side of Carnegie Avenue near 73rd Street, while Jimmie Fulong resides at the St. Regis Hotel.

The following descriptive data as to this individual was obtained for future reference:

Name	-	Sam Solomon
Age	-	28 years (born 10/19/08)
Height	-	5'8"
Weight	-	165 pounds
Hair	-	Black, wavy
Eyes	-	Brown
Criminal Record	-	Arrested Cleveland PD, 1933 armed robbery - removed to Pittsburgh, Pa. and found not guilty at trial.



- Arrested Cleveland PD - gambling - fined.

Photograph - Cleveland PD - Pittsburgh PD  
Fingerprints - " " " "  
Marital Status - Married - no children  
Relatives -

Fannie Solomon, mother, 10124 Ostend Ave., Cleveland, O.  
Alice Solomon, wife, 11328 Euclid Avenue, " "  
Edith Langman, sister, Lakeview Avenue, " "  
Anna Shapiro, sister, 139th Street, off Kinsman, " "  
Harry Solomon, brother, 10122 Ostend Avenue, " "  
Ralph Solomon, brother, 10124 Ostend Avenue, " "

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Arthur McCool, 1541 Thoreau Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio, was requested to appear at the Cleveland Bureau office by Special Agent J. E. Brennan, where he was questioned by Special Agents Brennan and C. E. Smith.

McCool advised that he had been engaged in the gambling business for approximately twenty years, stating that upon his discharge from the Navy in 1919, he went to Toledo, Ohio, and started to peddle ice, at which time he met Jimmy Hayes, who operated gambling houses in Toledo, Ohio, and he was offered a job by Hayes as a dealer. McCool further stated that he tended bar for a short time at the Jovial Club and then started to "hustle fairs", selling notions in Ohio and Indiana, after a short time of this type work he returned to Toledo, Ohio, and opened a small crap game in partnership with one Ralph Dugan, but was eventually "frozen out." McCool would not elaborate on who or how he was "frozen out", merely stating that Agents knew as much if not more of things like that than he did.

Continuing, McCool advised that when times started to get hard in Toledo, Ohio, he came to Cleveland and through "Toots" Talbot, with whom he had once worked in Toledo, he secured a job at the Harvard Club as a ladder man, about March, 1934, and has been working there since. McCool stated that he presently earned \$12.00 a day for a nine hour day and \$2.00 for each hour overtime. When questioned as to whether he made out an income tax return, McCool advised that he had made one out, however, he did not have to pay any tax as he had a wife and child and did not earn enough money. In this connection he stated that the club had made one out for him and he had signed it. When questioned as to whether he had sworn to it, he advised that some man whose name he did not

know was in the club and had sworn him. McCool was unable to advise what company name appeared on the return, or the amount paid him, although he thought it was around \$3,000.

Photographs of the various members of the Karpis gang were exhibited to McCool and he identified Milton Lett and stated that Fred Hunter was familiar, but he could not place him. In reference to Milton Lett, McCool stated that he only knew him as Willie, further stating he knew nothing about him, not knowing or ever hearing where he lived or with whom he associated. However, he did state that on one occasion during the summer of 1934 he stopped at the saloon on West 28th Street and Detroit Avenue and noticed several of the Harvard Club employees there; that during the time he was there "Toots" Talbot and a dealer by the name of Magee started a fight and Lett stepped in and stopped it. McCool was unable to furnish Agents with any information relative to Magee other than that he thought he was presently working in Detroit, Michigan.

McCool was questioned as to his associates at Toledo, Ohio, and he advised that he knew Captain George Timiney, having gone to school with him as a boy in Toledo, Ohio. McCool could give Agents no further information relative to Timiney. He also stated that he knew Edward McGraw becoming acquainted with him when McGraw operated a saloon on Broadway in Toledo, Ohio. McCool denied knowing that McGraw presently operated a call house in Toledo, Ohio, stating that he had not seen him in the past three years. With reference to Joe Roscoe, McCool advised that he became acquainted with him when he (McCool) was working for Jimmy Hayes at the old Casino Club at Point Place, Ohio, and had seen him on several occasions at the old Harvard Club. Continuing, McCool stated that during the time he was "hustling fairs" he met a fortune teller known as Bridget Broadway, and later while visiting the 42nd Street Cafe in Toledo, he learned that Joe Roscoe had married one of the sisters of Bridget and apparently had a "piece" in the 42nd Street Cafe.

When questioned as to the nature of Joe Roscoe's business at the Harvard Club, McCool stated that he would be unable to state, inasmuch as the owners or operators did not talk with him about their business. In connection with Roscoe's visits to the Harvard Club, McCool stated that he had seen "Cap Mule", a St. Louis, Missouri horse bookmaker with him on one occasion.

The following description of McCool was obtained by personal observation and questioning:

Name	-	Arthur McCool, alias Art
Age	-	40 years
Height	-	5'11"
Weight	-	205 pounds
Hair	-	Straw colored, receding
Eyes	-	Blue
Complexion	-	Fair
Build	-	Heavy
Race	-	White
Nativity	-	American
Born	-	6/14/96 at Groves Hill, Ohio
Marital Status	-	Married - wife and child
Occupation	-	Gambler
Residence	-	1341 Thoreau Rd., Lakewood, Ohio
Criminal Record	-	Arrested for gambling at Toledo, O., date not known.
Military Record	-	Enlisted in U. S. Navy at Toledo, O., 5/5/17, discharged 5/9/19.

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Chris Brown, dealer at the Harvard Club, was requested to appear at the Cleveland Bureau office, which he did, and was questioned by Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and C. E. Smith, and he advised that his true name is Chris Botoff and he resides with his wife, Dorothy (nee Litch) at 7314 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Brown stated that he was born in Plevin, Bulgaria and left there in 1914 and landed at Halifax, N. S., proceeding from there to Toronto, Canada, where he stayed for a period of about one year, then proceeding to Windsor, Canada, where he worked on the boats for about six months and then entered the United States at Detroit, Michigan, further advising that he has never returned to Canada. Brown admitted upon questioning that he was not a citizen, had never applied for naturalization papers, and did not have a passport to the United States.

Brown stated that he remained in Detroit, Michigan, for about one and one-half months and then went to Toledo, Ohio, where he secured work generally as a laborer, until he started to work in gambling houses about eighteen or nineteen years ago. Brown advised Agents that he worked for Tom Worland and Jimmy Hayes when they operated a crap game at a place in Point Place, Ohio; that later this place was operated by Charlie Haymaker and then by the Angus brothers as the Casino Club. Brown stated that he had worked approximately twelve or fourteen years for Tom Worland at Toledo, Ohio, in his gambling houses and also admitted working at "Lefty" Clark's place in Detroit, Michigan; Johnny Vance's Idlehour Club at Dayton, Ohio; Jovial Club at Toledo, Ohio; Ralph Dugan's place at Toledo, Ohio; the Thomas Club at Cleveland, Ohio, and Game Boy Miller's Old Barn at Cleveland, Ohio; all known gambling houses.

Continuing, Brown advised Agents that he started to work at the Harvard Club about July 7th or 8th, 1934, and had been working there since with the exception of a short time after the club was raided near the beginning of this year. Brown further advised that he received \$12.00 for nine hours work and \$2.00 for each hour overtime, this rate of pay being in effect for approximately the past five weeks and during that time he has averaged \$100.00 per week salary. Agents questioned Brown if he had submitted an income tax return and he advised that he had been called into the Harvard Club office and there was a man there whom he did not know and another man whom he believes was "Shorty" Conway and the man whom he did not know told him he had to make out an income tax return because he earned \$3,000. Brown stated that he told the man he did not, but the man told him he did and that he owed \$6.38 and he could pay him, or they

would take it out of his pay, whereupon Brown stated he reached in his pocket and gave the man the \$6.38 and received a blue slip in return. Brown further advised that he was not asked any questions and did not fill out any papers and did not swear to anything, further stating that he believed that he signed a white paper at the time he was given the blue paper by the unknown man. Agents requested the blue slip from Brown and he exhibited a duplicate individual income tax return form number 1040A, Treasury Department, which reflected that Chris Brown, 7114 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, occupation, clerk, employed by the Avenue Catering Company, Cleveland, Ohio, had received \$3,000 in salary, wages, commissions, fees, etc. The return further reflected that Brown claimed a \$45.00 sales tax exemption and an exemption of \$295.00 as earned income, and \$2,500 personal exemption, which left a balance of \$159.50 taxable at four percent, which resulted in a tax in the amount of \$6.38. The return further reflected that Brown was a citizen of the United States, while in fact he is not.

Agents questioned Brown closely whether he knew what the various statements in the return meant and if he knew where and what the Avenue Catering Company was and he stated that he did not understand the return, nor had he ever heard of the Avenue Catering Company. Likewise a search of the city directory and the telephone directory did not reveal any organization known as the Avenue Catering Company. While Brown admitted that he could speak six languages it was apparent that he could not read nor speak the English language with any degree of proficiency.

It was also called to Brown's attention that his real name was Chris Botoff and not Brown as the return indicated and he advised Agents that he told the man that was not his name, and the man told him that was alright as it would look better that way.

Photographs of all the members of the Karpis gang were exhibited to Brown and he tentatively identified that of Gladys Sawyer as a woman he had seen somewhere, however, he was unable to recall. Brown also identified the photograph of Milton Lett as a man who had worked as a shiller at the club in 1935. With reference to Lett, whose name he did not know, Brown stated that Lett had worked two days in the coop about one and one-half months before Christmas and then disappeared and he never saw him again. Brown further stated that he had seen Lett talking to both Hebebrand and Patton on occasions and Lett had told him he was from St. Louis, but had not furnished any further information, nor could Brown advise when Milton Lett resided during the time he was employed at the Harvard Club in 1935.

Agents also questioned Brown as to whether he had ever heard or knew of a dealer known as "Bill" from Toledo, Ohio, who had worked a short time at the Harvard Club during the summer of 1934. Brown advised that there had been a Bill Arris (phonetic) described as 28 to 30 years, 5'9" in height, 160 pounds, brown hair, good looking, who had been at the club for a short time, and was presently working for Tom Worland at the Dugout in Toledo, Ohio. Further investigation will be conducted relative to "Bill" for the purpose of ascertaining if he is identical with the "Bill" whom Charles Sellers alleges introduced Karpis to him.

Brown was also questioned at length as to individuals he knew in Toledo, Ohio, and he advised that he was acquainted with Johnny Thomas, Edith Barry, Frank Greenwald, George Timiney, Art Langendorf, Bert Angus, Ted Angus, Tom Worland, Joe Roscoe, and Sam Hessler. With reference to Johnny Thomas, Brown stated that he was presently operating a beer joint, the exact location of which he did not know. As to Edith Barry, Brown stated that he had frequently visited her house in the past and had been friendly with one Peaches, an inmate of the house. It will be recalled here that Peaches is, no doubt, Marie Butler, who is presently living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

With reference to Frank Greenwald, Brown stated that he was generally known as "Greenie", and operated a private cab company in Toledo, Ohio. Brown was unable to furnish Agents with any information relative to Greenwald's contacts with the Toledo underworld. With reference to Captain George Timiney, Brown stated that it has only been the last three or four years that Timiney's name has been before the public, or about the time Timiney became head of the vice and hoodlum squads. Agents questioned Brown as to whether he had ever heard of anyone "paying off" to Captain Timiney and he stated that during the time he (Brown) worked for Tom Worland, he had saved some money and decided to open a crap game of his own, and had endeavored to ascertain who in power he would have to see, however, he was unsuccessful in securing any information, stating that when a gambler got "nose trouble" he didn't get along very well. Brown further advised that his only contacts with Captain Timiney had been when Timiney arrested him for being drunk. He was unable to advise Agents of any of Timiney's associates. As to Art Langendorf, Brown stated that he knew him as a police officer of the hoodlum squad, but never had any dealings with him.

With reference to Bert and Ted Angus, Brown advised that they formerly operated the Casino Club at Point Place, Ohio, but

had moved to a new place closer to the city. He further stated that he had visited the Casino Club on several occasions and knew Bert and Ted to speak to, Brown, however, denied that he had ever heard anything that would indicate that Ted Angus was a graft collector under past city administrations.

With reference to Tom Worland, Brown advised that he had worked for him for twelve or fourteen years as a crap dealer in various places operated by Worland. Continuing, Brown advised that Worland had gone broke operating gambling places and he believed that all he had at the present time was slot machines in the county. Agents were further advised by Brown that he did not know with whom Worland had his connection in Lucas County, which made it possible for him to operate his machines unmolested, however, he did state that he was certain that Worland was friendly with Jim O'Reilly the Sheriff. He further advised Agents that he had tried to ascertain where Worland's "fix" was, so he could also make a "fix" and operate a joint, but Worland would never discuss anything with him.

With reference to Joe Roscoe, Brown stated that it was generally rumored that either Roscoe or his father-in-law, Broadway, had been part owner or builder of the Casino Club at Point Place, Ohio, and they presently operate a cafe on Broadway Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, known as the 42nd Street Cafe. Agents were further advised by Brown that Roscoe had frequented the old Harvard Club on numerous occasions, however, he stated he had not seen him visiting the new place since it was opened. He was also unable to furnish Agents with any information relative to Roscoe's connections in Toledo or Cleveland, stating, however, that Roscoe apparently knew Hebebrand and Patton as he had seen them talking together.

With reference to Sam Messler, Brown stated that Sam had been around Toledo, Ohio, for years and was an old time pimp from Lima, Ohio. Brown was questioned as to whether he had any knowledge of Messler's connections with any of the parties he had previously mentioned and he stated that he did not know of his own knowledge but assumed that he had some as he was well known in the gambling circles.

The following description of Chris Brown was obtained by Agents from person observation and questioning:



Name	-	Chris Botoff, alias Chris Brown
Age	-	36 years (2/5/00)
Height	-	5'9"
Weight	-	183 pounds
Hair	-	Black
Eyes	-	Dark brown
Complexion	-	Fair
Build	-	Medium
Race	-	White
Nativity	-	Bulgarian, born Plevin, Bulgaria.
Scars and Marks -		1" ct. sc. vt. cheek bone; 1" ct. sc. vt. cheek; 1" ct. sc. bridge of nose; 1" ct. sc. left cheek; mole on left temple
Peculiarities -		Speaks broken English
Marital Status -		Married - wife, Dorothy (nee Litch)
Residence -		7314 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland, Ohio
Criminal Record -		Not known - prints forwarded to Bureau on 9/18/36.

Under date of September 19, 1936, the Director was apprised of the data obtained from Chris Brown as to the preparation of income tax returns at the Harvard Club, and advice was requested as to whether it was desirable to undertake any investigation in this regard or whether this information should be turned over to the Intelligence Unit of the Treasury Department for investigative action.



Harry Solomon, 10122 Ostend Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, was requested to appear at the Cleveland Bureau office, which he did, and he was questioned by Special Agents A. P. Kitchen and C. E. Smith, and he advised that he started to work at the Harvard Club some time during April, 1936, as a dealer, and prior to that time had worked at the Thomas Club for about three years. Solomon further stated that when he first started at the Thomas Club as a chuck-o-luck man he received \$3.00 per day and was advanced to \$5.00, \$7.00, and finally \$10.00 per day after about eighteen months of service. Solomon further advised that Dave, Sam, and Alky Miller (three brothers) were the operators of the Thomas Club and were presently operating a place somewhere in the vicinity of Dunham Road, after being closed by the County Prosecutor in January, 1936.

Agents questioned Solomon in reference to his activities at the Harvard Club, and he stated that he was a dealer there and was paid \$12.00 for nine hours work and received \$2.00 per hour for overtime work, averaging approximately \$65.00 per week. Solomon further stated when questioned as to whether he had filed an income tax return, that during the time he worked at the Thomas Club, he had been called to the office of the club where he had met an attorney or auditor, whose name he did not know, and he was furnished with income tax blanks and advised that he had earned \$3,000 that year and should submit his return, which, according to Solomon, he did. Solomon stated when questioned that he did not believe he had earned \$3,000, however, he accepted the figure.

Photographs of all the members of the Karpis gang, as well as those of Hebebrand, Patton and O'Neil were exhibited to Solomon and he stated that he could identify none, except Hebebrand, Patton and O'Neil, inasmuch as prior to the time he became employed at the Harvard Club he had been in it on only one occasion to see his brother, Sam Solomon. Agents questioned Solomon as to whether he had ever heard any rumors about any of the Karpis gang hanging out at the club and he stated that he seemed to recall reading something about it in the papers but had paid no particular attention to the item. He further stated that he had not discussed the case with his brother Sam, who worked at the club during 1934, although he did admit that his brother had told him he had been picked up by the Federal men and asked a lot of questions.

Agents questioned Solomon as to the identity of the owners of the Harvard Club and he advised that it was generally understood that Hebebrand and Patton were the owners. Solomon was unable to

furnish Agents with any other information pertinent to this case.

The following description of Solomon was obtained by observation and questioning:

Name	-	Harry Solomon, alias Hershey
Age	-	27 years
Height	-	5'6"
Weight	-	150 pounds
Hair	-	Dark chestnut
Eyes	-	Brown
Complexion	-	Fair
Build	-	Medium
Race	-	White
Nativity	-	Jewish
Marital Status	-	Married
Occupation	-	Gambler
Residence	-	10122 Ostend Avenue
Criminal Record	-	Claims none

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Charles Edward Shampaign was located at his residence 3022 West 14th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, by Special Agents J. E. Fitzgerald and R. T. Noonan, and was brought to the Cleveland office where he was interviewed by those Agents on September 14, 1934.

Shampaign stated that he is 64 years of age and that he is at present living at 3022 West 14th Street, Cleveland, with his wife, and is employed at the Harvard Club. He has been employed at this club for the past seven weeks, but was previously employed there until late summer or early fall of 1934 when he left and went to Toledo, Ohio. At the time he previously was employed, the Harvard Club was operating in the large marathon building on Harvard Avenue, and that employment was for the period of about one year. When here previously, or in 1934, he stayed for a long time at the Bellinghurst Hotel at East 81st Street and Euclid Avenue, the name of the hotel having now been changed to the Earle Hotel. When he first started working at the Harvard Club he worked as a dealer and as there were two or three places in Cleveland and vicinity at that time competing with the Harvard Club, the owners were continually driving and compelling the help to work fast as a result of which he had a nervous breakdown. At about the same time he had a run in with Art Hebebrand, whom he said was the "dictator" at that time, and he quit working for the club. However, he got in touch with Dan Gallagher and went back to work for a time, until the management again began to push him from one job to another and he then quit and started running around the country, and then stopped at Toledo where he went to work for Arnoff, who operates a bookie joint known as the Buckeye. Then during the spring of 1935 for about six weeks he worked at the Superior Sports Center, Toledo, Ohio, for Benny Harris. He stated that he does not know, but has been told that Harry Bernstein is the "fix" in Toledo for gambling, and houses of prostitution, and is known as the collector. When questioned about the Argonne Club in Cleveland, Shampaign stated that he recalled that he left Cleveland the day the Argonne Club opened, as he was offered a job by Frank Merritt, who worked in the place for the owner, Francis Zimmer.

When questioned about the arrest of the three women, Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette, and Mrs. Harry Sawyer, in Cleveland on September 8, 1934, Shampaign stated that he felt sure he was in Toledo at that time and that he read of this arrest in a Toledo paper. At this time he was shown all the photographs of the various subjects and did not recognize or identify any but the local characters, Hebebrand, Patton, and O'Neil. He claimed that he never talked to anyone or discussed whether or not Karpis had been at the Harvard Club.

As for the organization of the Harvard Club at the present time, he claimed not to know just what it was, but stated that "Toots" Talbot and "Shorty" Conway were in charge, Talbot being the big boss.

and Conway being the one who paid him, Shampaign, as well as all the other night employees. However, he admitted it seemed to be common knowledge among the employees that Hebebrand and others were the real men behind the club and were the bosses. He repeated that Hebebrand was the dictator in 1934 at the club, and mentioned that Patton was a "swell fellow", but could not read or write, and although he was around the club a lot and was known to have some connection therewith, it was known that all the business end of the place would be handled by Hebebrand. As for the "fix" here it is well known, according to Shampaign that the Harvard Club could not run without some "fix". He stated that there must be what he calls a "silent politician", who makes the arrangements. It is impossible, he claimed, to make any inquiries around the club for if the officials became aware that any employee was trying to find out something about the inner circles that employee would soon be dismissed. With reference to the Sheriff, Shampaign remarked that it is well known that the Sheriff has openly stated that he favors home rule and that the local authorities should be allowed to handle their own problems without interference from the outside, and it is, therefore, understood that the Mayor and Chief of Police of Newburgh Heights are the ones with whom the connection is made, but he claimed further not to know anything about that connection. It is also said, according to Shampaign, that there is some arrangement with the Sheriff's office, but he is without information as to what the arrangement is. Sheriff Mulzner has two sons, both of whom are known to be familiar with the race horse game and one of them is said to have an interest in a bookie joint - this is possibly the connection, Shampaign suggested.

Shampaign stated that he has been in the gambling game for about thirty-five years or so. He was born and reared in St. Louis, Missouri, where his father was a railroad man, and at the age of seventeen he was working as a brakeman and also assisting as clerk on the Missouri Pacific Railroad. He said that he learned some of the gambling art during his railroad days, and when he was just a kid he was known as a "cheater" as he was a pal of a boy whose father was a dice maker and he learned at an early age how to handle loaded dice. In 1904 the railroad strike put most of the railroad men out of work. At that time he knew Tom Carney and many of the old timers in St. Louis, and he kept in contact with them through the years. He opened up a place in Madison County, Illinois, just across from St. Louis, and was indicted there at every session of the grand jury and each time at the recommendation of the county prosecutor was allowed to plead guilty to two counts and paid \$100 on each count and costs. The fourth time, which was in 1918, the judge told him that if he did not close his place he would bring him back into court and give him a jail sentence, together with the fine. Therefore, he left the county and went to Toledo, Ohio. In addition to

the indictments for gambling which were returned in Madison County, Illinois, he stated that he was arrested four or five times in Detroit, while working for Lefty Clark at 2228 Woodward Avenue, this being about eight or ten years ago. He was also arrested at Flint, Michigan, about 1923, and at Seattle, Washington, in 1921 or 1922.

Shampaign stated that he, in company with Tom Worland, opened the Casino Club in Toledo in 1919. They were able to make some pretty fast money and he saved quite a bit and sent much of it to his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McMillan, who reside at present at 8706 Bothelway, Seattle, Washington. This son-in-law opened a spot in Seattle with this money and squandered it and broke Shampaign. Shampaign went out to Seattle during this time and stayed four months and then returned to Toledo, and found Tom Worland in the liquor game, and he stayed in that game for about four years. Shampaign stated that he did not go in with Worland on this but opened a place at 59 Summit Street, but was run out of this place and then went to Flint, Michigan, to operate a place, the "combination" at Toledo putting up \$10,000 for the place and using him, Shampaign to run it. He stated that he took this job for the "combination" as he had returned from Seattle without any money and without a job. At Flint, Michigan, the mayor was supposed to be the "fix" and told Shampaign that he put the Chief of Police in his job and that the chief would not bother this place. Shampaign was in favor of going to see the Chief of Police, but this was voted down by the others. In about a month the police raided this place at Flint and broke all the gambling equipment with axes. Shampaign stated that the Chief gave him a break in Flint and turned him loose when he told the Chief he was someone else, that is, a contractor, and he got out with a \$25 bond. At this time he stated that when he was arrested in Seattle, Washington, he gave the name of John J. Boss. All his equipment was taken at that time, but through the assistance of a big lawyer, who he thought was possibly a big Swede, he got it back after paying a \$100 fine, and \$400 in fees to the lawyer.

During the time that one Delchanty was Chief of Detectives in Toledo, he stated that there was a "fix" and about 1919 he and Worland gave \$400 to a political campaign fund. Everything was closed about that time due to a gambling crusade, but in 1921 things reopened and he and Worland were together for a short time. In 1921 Worland paid \$1,000 to operate a gambling house in Toledo and this was about the beginning of the actual payoffs. He and Worland were in business together then.

Shampaign stated that he is a personal friend of George Timiney at Toledo, and that Timiney knows the situation around Toledo. He stated that about two years ago when he went to Toledo and went to

work for Arnoff in the Buckeye, Timiney and a squad raided the place and Timiney ordered the officers to "lay off" Shampaign. This raid was explained by Shampaign who stated that it was a rule that no one in Toledo could have crap games if they were operating a horse game; that Hayes controlled all the craps in Toledo. Arnoff tried to start a crap game in his place and Timiney called him and told him he could not run. But he did run and as a result Timiney and a squad raided the place and treated it pretty rough, breaking up much of the equipment. At the present time Shampaign stated they are making a joke of the enforcement of gambling laws in Toledo. Places are ordered to close but they still run and they know when they are going to be raided and when they can operate. He stated that one Dugan was arrested about a week ago Saturday, or September 5, 1936. He has only a small place and the larger places were notified and had everything put away and would not let anyone in. An attorney, whose name is believed to be Berlin, or some similar name, who is at present running for county prosecutor, has been making considerable effort of late to find out why others were warned and his client, Dugan, was not.

Shampaign stated that he knows Bert and Ted Angus of Toledo. He recalls Bert Angus being in front of the Harvard Club with Joe Roscoe, whom he also knows, about a year and one-half or two years ago, but did not see them in the club at that time. He has in the past seen Joe Roscoe in the Harvard Club two or three times.

Shampaign was questioned in an effort to learn the identity of a dealer at the club by the name of Bill, who was there only a short time in the summer of 1934, and who is alleged to have introduced Karpis, Willie Harrison, and a man named Harry to Charlie Sellers, who operated a beer joint on the grounds of the Harvard Club.

He advised that there is a Bill Harris in Toledo working as a dealer for Tom Worland in the Dugout on Hill Avenue, about seven miles out; that this place is operated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and has between 150 and 200 tables, and liquor is sold there. The crap tables are upstairs at this place. It is one of the few places that did not lose its license for having gambling in a place where liquor is sold. Shampaign stated that Bill Harris is strictly a Toledo man, but has been over to Cleveland visiting and Shampaign knows he is familiar with the Harvard Club and has been in it. He knows that Harris has spent a few days in Cleveland and is familiar with the way the Harvard Club is operated, but he does not believe Harris ever worked at the club although it is possible he may have for a short time. He described Bill Harris as follows:



Age	-	34 or 35 years
Height	-	About 6'
Weight	-	About 165 pounds
Build	-	Slender
Hair	-	Brown
Complexion	-	Tallow

Can be found at meal time at the Hudson Cafe in Toledo, near the Buckeye, where he eats and where the employees of the Dugout meet before they go out to work, usually leaving from there.

Because of his long association with the gambling game, Shampaign stated that he has made a study of the law of percentages and has published a book on this.

With reference to the other employees of the Harvard Club, who have not been located, and whose addresses are not known, he was questioned and furnished additional information as set out below:

Morris Salis, Jewish, lives on east side of Cleveland;

Gus Witte, Jewish, possibly lives at the Doanbrooke Hotel;

Harry Side, Jewish, has only been at the Harvard Club for about three months;

Charles Crowle, German, originally from Toledo, is a nephew of Shampaign. The Shampaigns and Crowles do not get along on the feminine side of the families. He was working at the Harvard Club in 1934, when Shampaign left there. He has moved four times recently in Cleveland;

Joe Catalona, worked for Sam Boy Miller in the Thomas Club and was there in 1934 when Shampaign left for Toledo. Catalona did not come to the Harvard Club until after the closing of same in January, 1936, and its subsequent reopening;

Al McCabe, a dealer who lives on the east side and is originally from Toledo;

Sam and Harry Solomon, Jewish, both live on east side; are brothers;

Louis "Whitey" Weeks, Jewish, originally from Detroit; worked extra in the big Harvard Club. He is very fat, short and heavy, with a large stomach;

"Waddy" Shoemaker, originally of Detroit, is an elderly man about 52 years of age and has been at the Harvard Club since it was in the large building and possibly for three years. Shampaign knew Shoemaker in Ecorse, Michigan. At one time he lived in the Bellinghurst, now the Earle Hotel, but has not been there lately;

Chris Brown, formerly of Toledo, a Bulgarian; has been at the Harvard Club off and on for years; had good personality; just married to some little Irish girl;

Ray McKay, just back to work from Toledo about three weeks ago. Came to the club first about September, 1934, about the time Shampaign left. Is thought to be Polish;

Jim Furlong, from Washington, D. C., has been there only a short time;

Arthur "Red" McCool, home originally in Toledo where his parents and brothers now reside. Worked in Ecorse, Michigan, for years. Lives way out on the west side;

Al Foster, a big Jewish man who has been at the Harvard Club for a long time, but before that was at the Thomas Club. Resides on east side of Cleveland;

Bill Fink, Jewish, lives on east side. Formerly of Detroit;

George Langstaff, heavy set man from Warren or Youngstown, lives some place on west side of Cleveland;

E. J. Ly, originally of Cleveland, and was a mill worker of some kind. Is thought to be Polish and above name not correct;

"Whitey" Madison, utility man at Harvard Club, formerly of Detroit. Believed to be a Scandinavian; big blonde man, thin hair, small head;

"Lefty" Hartman, Jewish, formerly of Detroit; was released at Harvard Club night of September 13, 1936, and was going back to Detroit. His wife's people are in business in Detroit;

"Botch", thinks this is the last name of this party as never heard him called anything else. He is from Cleveland and formerly worked for Gene Boy Miller at the Thomas Club. He was not with Harvard Club in 1934, according to Shampaign;



Sam Gutterman, has been there only about a month. Is from Detroit and Shampaign never saw him until he went to work at the club about a month ago;

Charles Berlin, an old timer of Cleveland, who has worked in Detroit. He has only been at the Harvard Club about two weeks and was never with them before, but did work for Game Boy Miller at the Thomas Club;

Pat Melice, Italian, living on the east side. Worked extra at the old Harvard Club;

"Lefty" Graham, Shampaign does not know this party.

Tony Amersbach and Louis Monaco, old employees who live on the west side;

Rube McNulty, a big fellow who lives on the west side. Is the only "Rube" at the club; was originally a bartender in years back; is over 50 years of age;

Does not know any Jimie Keegan or Keighan, or "Butch" Duffy, or one "Sam."

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and M. T. Noonan:

Gus Witte, employee of the Harvard Club, was located at the Doanbrooke Hotel, 1924 East 105th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and was brought to the Cleveland office where he was interviewed on September 16, 1936. He stated that he was employed by the Harvard Club first in February, 1935, and remained there until January 10, 1936, when the place was closed and he went back to Detroit, where he had been for many years previously. He returned to Cleveland about May 25, 1936, and has been working at the Harvard Club since then, his work being at one of the crap tables and he is paid \$12.00 a day, the hours being from noon to nine P. M.

Witte was asked about what the "fix" was in the operation of the Harvard Club and he stated that he had been in the game long enough to know the place could not operate without some "fix", but what the particular situation is here he could not say, but assumes it is among the "higher ups."

As for the organization of the Harvard Club in 1935 when he was there, and as to the closing of the place in January, 1936, Witte stated that Hebebrand and Patton were around all of the time and were generally referred to as the owners. Since he returned to work in May, 1936, he stated that he has not seen either one of them in the place on a single occasion. Witte was hired by "Toots" Talbot, who at the present time is posing as the proprietor of the club. The names of Hebebrand and Patton are seldom mentioned now and he does not know their present connection with the club. He stated that formerly he often heard the name of Mitchell mentioned in connection with the Harvard Club, but not any more, particularly since Mitchell is reported to have gone to Roumania with some slot machines.

Witte was unable to make any identification of Karpis, the Barkers, Campbell, Sawyer, or others, but was able to identify Milton Lett as one who had been out there working some time in the past, and recalled that he spoke with some kind of a southern accent. He was unable to recall who any of Lett's associates were and was unable to recall anything definite about Lett, except the accent with which he spoke. Witte was unable to identify photograph of Fred Hunter and could not recall Hunter ever having worked at the Harvard Club.

Witte stated that he has worked in Detroit, Michigan, most of his life, at least for fifteen or eighteen years before he left there in 1933, when he went to the state of California for two years, returning to Detroit in January, 1935. While he was away the gambling houses in Detroit were closed, but they had reopened in 1925, and he could have had a job there, but decided to come to Cleveland, which he did and secured a job almost immediately. He advised that he was in Miami, Florida, the season of 1929 or 1930, but did not work as things were very bad, and he stayed there all winter for his health.

The following additional information was furnished by Gus Witte as to other employees of the Harvard Club. Earl Braziel, alias "Stubbie" lives some place on the west side. Morris Balis, alias "Ta Ta", resides with his mother, or mother-in-law on the east side. Louis Weeks resides in the vicinity of 105th and Euclid. Al McCabe formerly resided at the Doanbrooke Hotel but moved recently. Witte made inquiry at the desk of this hotel and was advised that McCabe left no forwarding address, but lived in the vicinity, as his wife was seen most every day. Witte advised that he would secure the address of McCabe at the first opportunity. Bill Fink resides at the Doanbrooke Hotel. The man called "Botch" is carried on the board at the club as "Botts." Sam Gutterman and Charles Berlin have been employed at the club for only a few weeks.

Witte was questioned as to the whereabouts of Marty Kuntz and he stated that he felt sure Kuntz was at the Chesterfield Club, Detroit, Michigan, as he was there only a short time ago. This club is operated by Danny Sullivan and Fitzgerald and the rest of the so-called "combination" in Detroit. Witte worked there for some time, and he further stated that most of these connected with the combination in Detroit are involved in income tax violations and are sure to go to the penitentiary. The Chesterfield Club is located at Gratiot and Ten Mile Road. It is said to be one of the largest gambling houses in the country, having 14 crap tables.

The following is a description of Gus Witte, as obtained from personal observation:

Age	-	45 years
Height	-	5'8"
Weight	-	130 pounds
Eyes	-	Brown
Hair	-	Brown
Complexion	-	Sallow
Build	-	Very slender
Teeth	-	Uppers all extracted recently
Face	-	Very thin
Married	-	24 years (no children)
Residence	-	Doanbrooke Hotel, Cleveland, O.

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George A. "Shorty" Conway was located at his residence 3787 West 136th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, on September 14, 1936, by Special Agent J. E. Brennan and he consented to come to the Cleveland office for interview. He was interviewed by Special Agent S. K. McKee. Conway advised that he was born at Cleveland, Ohio, August 1, 1905, and attended parochial schools through the seventh grade, completing the final year in school at "bad boys' school." He advised that he worked as an office boy for a short time after leaving school and when about nineteen years of age he entered the gambling racket. He has spent most of his time in and about Cleveland, Ohio, but he said he has worked for short times at other places. The following are gambling places where he has worked: The Clinton Club, formerly operated by Sam "Game Boy" Miller and Tom McGinty in Cleveland; The Barn, operated by Game Boy Miller in Cleveland; York Club, operated by Tony Maceno in Akron, Ohio; a place run by Bill Ruth in Buffalo, New York; Maple Leaf Club, operated by Carl Gaylord in Cleveland; and the Harvard Club operated by Hebebrand and Patton in Newburgh Heights, Ohio.

Conway stated that he went to work at the Harvard Club about six years ago as a dealer; that during the year 1934 he was running a wheel; that he was a ladder man in 1935; and at the present time is "fronting" in the place, together with "Toots" Talbot. He states that the club is operated by Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton and that he is "fronting" for them and that he does not know who else has any interest in the place. He said he gets a cut of the profits at the end of each month if there are any profits, but that he does not know on what basis his share is figured. He is now paid a daily wage of \$15.00 per day.

Photographs of the various persons connected with this investigation were displayed to Conway and he identified the following: Fred Hunter, Milton Lett, Neil Mitchell, Shimmy Patton, Art Hebebrand, Tip O'Neil, and Dan Gallagher. He stated that Hunter dealt blackjack at the club for a short time last year, that he worked on the day shift. He said Lett worked at the place as a shill for several months about a year and a half ago and was known around the place as Willie. Conway was questioned in detail, but he either could not or would not supply the names of any persons at the club who associated with Hunter and Lett, nor would he state that the two men were known to each other. He knows Neil Mitchell from seeing him around the club and also from his activities in the real estate business. Patton and Hebebrand were known, of course, as the operators of the Harvard Club. In this connection Conway said that the men never told him any of their business, their conversations with him being only in connection with the operation of the club. He advised that he has known Patton for about fourteen years, first becoming acquainted with him

when he was engaged in the bootlegging business on the west side. He has known Hebebrand for about eight years. He has been acquainted with Tip O'Neil for possibly fifteen years, and knows him at the present time as a floor man at the club. As to Dan Gallagher he stated this individual broke him in as a dealer while the two of them were working for the Clinton Club. He said Gallagher was a former floor man at the Harvard Club and is working for the place now on the outside. Conway positively stated that he could not recognize the pictures of any of the fugitives, saying that he was busy with large crowds during 1934 at the big place and did not pay any attention to persons who came in as customers. He was led to believe that we could possibly show that he did know some of the fugitives, but his only reaction to this was a statement that we would have to prove it.

Conway was questioned concerning the newspaper publicity incident to the arrests of the three women in September, 1934, when stories were printed to the effect that the gang had frequented the Harvard Club. He claimed that he could not remember any news stories about the three women, but he did state he recalled newspaper stories about Karpis and some of his friends having been at the club and about Karpis being wanted for kidnaping. He also remembered having seen pictures of Karpis in the newspapers.

It was the contention of Conway, in response to questions, that he had never heard Hebebrand or Patton mention this case, and that he had never broached the subject to them.

Conway was questioned concerning Joe Roscoe of Toledo and he advised that he is acquainted with the man. He said that Roscoe comes to the Harvard Club occasionally to see either Hebebrand, Patton or Tip O'Neil. He stated that he has never seen Roscoe gamble at the club and he is positive that the purpose of his visits there is to see the above-mentioned persons.

During the course of this questioning Conway was asked if he had ever bought any shirts from an old man from Columbus, Ohio, and he stated that he had and that the name of the company was the Thomas Shirt Company. He said he last purchased shirts from this man about a year and a half ago, when his order was for one dozen shirts. He stated that he believes the following persons at the club have bought shirts from this man: Art Hebebrand, Edots Talbot, Bennie Colson, Dan Gallagher, Bobbie Cook, Earl Cockrell, Whitely, and Ralph Knowles. He said that Bobbie Cook and Earl Cockrell are dealers and are now located in Gary, Indiana, at a place operated by

Ross Graham who used to be located at the Harvard Club. Ralph Knowles was the porter at the big club and is believed to live somewhere around Cedar Avenue.

The writer inquired of Conway if he had filed an income tax return for the past year and he advised that he had done so, and that it was computed for him by an accountant named Geisey, who also handles the accounting work for the club. He stated that this accountant also takes care of income tax matters for quite a few of the men employed at the Harvard Club. It is believed that the accountant in question is probably Alvin E. Geisey, Public Square Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

In connection with the above interview with "Shorty" Conway, it is the opinion of the writer that he knows considerably more than he has admitted. His attitude at times was one of apparent cooperation, but in many instances his answers were evasive. For example he was asked if he knew of the "fix" through which the club was able to operate, and he stated that he did not. He later said that he "guessed" it was through the Marshal and Mayor of Newburgh Heights, when he was pressed for information on this point. His only explanation for such answers as this, is that he has never actually seen any money passed.

Attention is invited to the conviction of "Shorty" Conway, as admitted by him, namely for killing a child with his automobile while he was drunk, in about 1932, for which he was sentenced to serve one to twenty years, and then placed on probation for two years. Also to the fact that he was neither photographed nor fingerprinted following conviction for this offense. He was asked how much the above probationary sentence cost him, or how he happened to receive such a sentence, and his only answer was that the judge must have taken into consideration the fact that he was married and had two small children. The attitude of Conway in this connection was such that it was quite apparent that he had received the probationary sentence for some reason other than his family obligations. It is to be noted in this connection that he had been employed by the Harvard Club for several years when the sentence and probation were received, and that while on probation he continued to work as a gambler and to associate with ex-convicts.

The following description of "Shorty" Conway was obtained from him and secured through observation:

Name	-	George Allport Conway
Age	-	31 years (born 8/1/05) Cleveland, O.
Height	-	5'6"
Weight	-	145 pounds
Hair	-	Dark brown
Eyes	-	Blue
Build	-	Medium
Scars	-	Circular scar left cheek from removal of cyst
Occupation	-	Gambler - dealer and floorman
Residence	-	3787 W. 136th St., Cleveland, O. telephone Clearwater 4692-W
Marital Status	-	Married - 2 small children
Criminal Record	-	Convicted Cleveland, Ohio, 1932, killed child with automobile while drunk. Sentenced 1 to 20 years, placed on pro- bation for 2 years, not fingerprinted or photographed.
Relatives	-	Mrs. Phoebe Simmons, mother, Akron, Ohio; Eddie F. Conway, brother, Cleveland, Ohio; David T. Conway, brother, 4502 W. 142nd St., Cleveland, O.; Richard Conway, brother, works for WPA near Toledo, Ohio; Genevieve Conway, sister, lives with mother at Akron, O.; Dorothy Conway, wife, 3787 W. 136th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

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Morgan Gallagher was located at 1265 West 67th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and brought to the Cleveland office by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and R. T. Noonan and was interviewed by the same Agents. Morgan Patrick Gallagher stated that he is the brother of Dan Gallagher previously mentioned as alleged part owner of the Harvard Club, and has been working at the Harvard Club for about the past two and one-half years, since about February, 1934, to the best of his recollection. His work consists of directing the parking of the cars in the parking yard for the Harvard Club, and he goes to work at 7:30 in the evening and remains until the club closes, usually at three A. M. He stated that he has never been inside the club in all the time he has worked there.

Gallagher showed an extremely uncooperative attitude from the start of the interview. It is possible this was caused partly from instructions he may have received, but it also appeared to be as much because of his ignorance. When questioned as to how he got this job in the first place he said he went to the club because his brother Dan told him to go out and see if he could get a job, but he would not admit it was through Dan Gallagher that he got the job. He said that he went to the place and asked someone on the outside who he should see for a job and a man was pointed out to him. He went to this man and told him he was a brother of Dan Gallagher and asked about a job and was put to work at once parking cars and has continued ever since, receiving as his pay \$5.00 per night.

Morgan Gallagher stated that no parking checks were given at the Harvard Club and that he did not make it a point to know anyone's car, as all he had to do was see that the cars were parked. No cars were driven up to the lot or driven back to the owners and each owner usually locked his car and came back personally for it. He also claimed that he was always busy and did not have time to look at people, or get acquainted with them. He was shown photographs of Alvin Karpis, Arthur and Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Harry Sawyer, Milton Lett and Fred Hunter, but stated that as far as he knew he had never seen any of them. With reference to Hunter and Lett he claimed not even to know that they ever worked there and said that he does not know any of the dealers. He also stated that he does not know the name of the party who hired him and that he gets paid at night by different parties whose names he does not know. He also claimed that he never went into the beer parlor operated by Charlie Sellers, which was located on the same grounds as the Harvard Club in 1934 and 1935, and he did not know Sellers. When he failed or refused to identify photographs of Hebebrand, Patton, or Tip O'Neil he was questioned about them and claimed that he did not know



them, had never heard of them, and did not know "Toots" Talbot, who is running the place at the present time. About the only thing he admitted knowing was that the Harvard Club at the present time is located on the corner of Harvard Avenue and East 42nd Street, and that the entrance is on Harvard Avenue, and that he was working the night the club was raided in the large building in January, 1936, that is, he just came to work about the time the raid started.

The following is a description of Gallagher, which was obtained from observation:

Age	-	46 years
Height	-	5'6"
Weight	-	145 pounds
Eyes	-	Blue-gray
Hair	-	Light brown, turning gray
Complexion	-	Ruddy
Marks & Scars	-	Two moles on left cheek
Teeth	-	Two gold upper front teeth;
Marital Status	-	Single
Residence	-	Lives with his sister, Mrs. Tracey (Mary) MacDonald, 1265 W. 67th Street.

He stated he has three brothers in addition to Dan, and that their names are Joe, who stays at the old home where he himself lives; Farrell, whose present address he claims not to know, as this brother just moved to some place just off Clark Street on the west side of Cleveland; and Owen, who is in a sanitarium at Royalton, Ohio. He has worked for the city as a laborer for a number of years under the administration of Ray Miller. He claims to have no trade and has worked all his life at odd jobs. His education consists of just going part way through the third grade and he reads only a little and does no writing, except to write his own name, which he says is about all he can write. He seldom reads the newspapers at all, but admitted that he occasionally looked at the headlines and he did notice something about two years ago about three women being picked up at the Cleveland Hotel, with a little girl, but he never talked to anyone about this and did not know that these women, or their male companions were ever at the Harvard Club. Gallagher stated he was born in this country, that his parents came from Ireland and he thinks they were citizens of this country. He was not in the army during the World War, but worked in the shipyards on East 58th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

John F. Gorman, 6202 Franklin Boulevard, apartment 2, Cleveland, Ohio, was requested to accompany Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and R. T. Noonan to the Cleveland Bureau office, where he was interviewed by Special Agents S. K. McKee and C. E. Smith.

John Gorman stated that he has been employed as doorman and dealer at the Harvard Club for approximately the past four years, or since the fall of 1932, further stating that he had received his job from Art Hebebrand and James Patton, whom he had known for many years. Gorman stated that he presently receives a salary of \$10.00 a day, being paid at the end of each day and that he works approximately five or six days a week, and during the past year averaged about seven months of actual employment. Agents questioned Gorman as to whether he had submitted an income tax report and he stated that he had not worked enough in one year to earn enough to do so, further stating that Art Hebebrand and James Patton had made all of the men who worked at the club, and who earned over the amount of the exemption, submit returns for the reason they did not want any trouble for the club from the income tax men.

Gorman was questioned relative to the identity of the present operators of the club, and he advised that "Toots" Talbot and "Shorty" Conway were presently fronting for Art Hebebrand and James Patton, who were not spending their time at the club as they had previously done, Gorman gave as his opinion for their absence, that possibly there would be less "heat" on the club if they were not around. Gorman was also questioned as to the identities of the dealers and employees of the club during 1934, and he furnished the names of several men who have been previously reported and in addition the name of Earl Cottrel, who he thought was presently working in a joint somewhere around Chicago, Illinois. Gorman was unable to furnish any other information relative to Cottrel. When questioned as to where the various dealers presently working at the club resided, Gorman advised that Louis Monica, brother-in-law of Art Hebebrand resided at 16610 Southland Avenue.

Photographs of all the members of the Karpis gang were exhibited to Gorman and he identified William Harrison, Alvin Karpis, Milton Lett, and Fred Hunter. Gorman was questioned at length in regard to each of them and in reference to William Harrison he stated that he knew him only as "Willie", however, he advised that he could not recall seeing him in the club, but did recall seeing and talking with him in a bootleg joint operated by Charlie Sellers. Gorman further stated that he had drunk a beer with Harrison on one occasion during his relief from the blackjack tables, further advising

that he could not recall the nature of the conversations had by him with Harrison. Gorman was questioned closely as to the identity of any individuals he had seen in the company of Harrison, especially any members of the club, and he stated that he could not recall any one whom he knew who associated with Harrison. Continuing, Gorman advised that as nearly as he could recall Harrison frequented Sellers' place during the summer of 1934, and then disappeared about two weeks before the women were arrested by the Cleveland Police Department.

With reference to Alvin Karpis, Gorman advised that he had dealt blackjack to him, knowing him only as "Slim", and had also seen him in Sellers' place on one or two occasions, but could not state in whose company he had seen Karpis. Gorman further stated that shortly before the women were arrested in the fall of 1934, Karpis did not show up at the club anymore and he never heard anymore about him until after the arrest of the women and various dealers around the club had newspapers that carried the story of the women and their identity, as well as the names and photographs of the men they were connected with and several of them remarked that they had seen the man known as Karpis at the club. Gorman was unable to give Agents the names of any of the dealers who had remarked that they had seen Karpis, advising that at that time there were so many dealers working there he could not recall any of the remarks passed by any one individual.

Gorman was questioned very closely relative to any rumors he may have heard or any thoughts he may have entertained, as to the identity of the individual responsible for Karpis's presence at the club, however, he stated that he had no knowledge, nor ideas, along these lines, further advising that Art Hebebrand and James Patton did not take him into their confidence in any matters pertaining to the club.

With reference to Fred Hunter, Gorman advised that he first noticed this man around the club about the summer of 1935 and was under the impression that he was possibly a blackjack dealer as he seemed to recall seeing him dealing on occasions. Gorman advised that Fred Hunter, whom he knew only as "Slim" did not mix much with the rest of the men around the club, and on the whole appeared to be rather quiet, and what he thought to be a poor dealer. When questioned as to whether he had ever seen Milton Lett hanging around with Hunter, Gorman stated that in so far as he knew, he didn't know whether Hunter knew Lett or not. Gorman further stated that he did not know who hired Hunter, nor how he happened to be employed at the club and expressed ignorance of the fact that Fred Hunter, had ever sold dice to the club. Gorman expressed the opinion that Hunter was from down around Warren, Ohio, however he was unable to advise from whom he had heard that information or under what circumstances.

With reference to Milton Lett, Gorman advised that he knew him only as "Willie", and Lett had told him on one occasion that he was formerly from St. Louis, Missouri, and had worked in a gambling joint there. Gorman was unable to furnish Agents with the name of the gambling joint that Lett had told him he worked in, nor could he furnish Agents with the names of any individuals whom Lett stated he knew in any parts of the country. Agents were advised by Gorman that Lett worked at the club during the summer of 1935 as a shiller, however, he was unable to state who hired Lett and under what circumstances he appeared at the club for a job. Gorman further stated that Lett worked on a different shift than what he did and inasmuch as Lett had a Ford sedan he, Gorman, struck up an acquaintance with him for the purpose of borrowing his car on occasions. He further advised that he had gone out with Lett on about four dates, at which time they had stopped at the saloon on West 28th Street and Detroit Avenue, and had one or two drinks, however, they did not frequent that place very much as the bosses of the club frequently stopped there and they did not like to see the employees drinking. When questioned as to who he meant by the bosses of the club, Gorman stated that Art and Shimmy and one or two others who worked at the club seemed to have more to say than any of the other employees. Gorman also advised that Lett and he had taken out a couple of girls who frequented the club during the time the Keno games were running, but had found the girls "hard to make" and had dropped them off somewhere on Carnegie Avenue. He was unable to advise Agents of the identity of the two girls, stating that so many of them frequented the club he seldom knew their names; in this connection Gorman advised that the club would not permit the dealers to date the customers or any of the girls employed at the club. When questioned as to where Lett resided during the time he was employed at the club, Gorman advised that one night he had borrowed Lett's car and had first driven Lett home, leaving him out of the car at the school yard located across the street from West 31st Street, and Denison Avenue, and Lett had walked across the street toward a row of houses and had at that time informed Gorman that he lived in the vicinity, boarding with some woman whose name he did not give to Gorman. Agent Smith accompanied Gorman to the vicinity of West 31st Street and Denison Avenue for the purpose of having him point out the exact spot that Lett left the automobile, and also the direction in which he walked when he left the automobile. Further investigation will be conducted in this district for the purpose of ascertaining the exact place Milton Lett resided while employed at the Harvard Club, and who may have resided with him.

Gorman was questioned as to the names of individuals whom he knew in Toledo, Ohio, and he stated that he knew Joe Roscoe and had heard of Edith Barry, Bert and Ted Angus, Sam Hessler, and Captain

Timiney, who was in charge of the hoodlum squad.

With reference to Joe Roscoe, Gorman advised that he had met him about eleven years ago in a bootleg joint operated by Jimmy Kilbane on the west side of Cleveland. Gorman was unable to advise what business Roscoe was in at that time, or what business he had with Kilbane. Gorman stated that from that time on he met Roscoe possibly ten or fifteen times until he started to work at the Harvard Club, at which time he again met Roscoe at the Harvard Club, where he was apparently visiting the various dealers from Toledo, Ohio, who were working at the club. Gorman could not state whether he had ever seen Roscoe in close conversation with Hebebrand or Patton, however, he did state that Roscoe was known to them. Agents questioned Gorman as to the number of times that he had visited in Toledo, Ohio, and he stated that about eight or nine years ago he had gone to Toledo with one Walter Murray and Thomas Murphy, both of Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of looking for the gambling house operated by Jimmy Hayes, and at that time they had also visited the Casino Club at Point Place, Ohio. Gorman stated that he did not know who owned the Casino Club at that time, but advised that he did not think it was the Angus brothers.

Continuing, Gorman advised that his wife had been residing in Detroit, Michigan, and he used to drive there about once or twice a month to visit her and sometimes on his way back he would stop in the cafe owned by Broadway, a relative of Joe Roscoe, and have a drink, and on one occasion about one year ago, the exact period not known, Gorman stated that he stopped at the cafe about two A. M., and while drinking, Joe Roscoe asked him if he cared to go to the Casino Club with him, to which he agreed. Gorman stated that during the time they were at the Casino Club, Roscoe talked with Bert and Ted Angus but Roscoe did not introduce him to either of the Angus brothers. Photographs of Bert Angus were exhibited to Gorman, however, he was unable to identify them, stating that he had only seen him on one occasion. Roscoe and he stayed at the Casino Club for about one-half hour to one hour, then he returned to Cleveland, Ohio. Gorman further stated that since meeting Roscoe he had heard that he had "a piece" of the Jovial Club in Toledo and was probably a partner of Morrissey in the operation of it, further stating that some time during last summer he and Tony Amersbach had gone to Toledo, Ohio, in Tony's green Graham Paige sedan and had stopped at the saloon located beside the Jovial Club and had a couple of drinks and then Tony had gone into the club and he had remained in the saloon drinking, until Tony came out and then they returned to Cleveland. Gorman was

questioned as to whether he had taken Tony's automobile and visited any houses of prostitution and he stated that he had never made a practice of visiting any and furthermore had not at any time taken Tony's car and visited any in Toledo, Ohio.

Agents questioned Gorman as to whether it wasn't a fact that he had taken Tony's car and stopped at Edith Barry's call house and he stated that while he knew of Edith Barry he did not even know where her house was located, further stating that his knowledge of Edith Barry was obtained from hearing the various Toledo dealers at the club compare Edith's place with Ardell Quinn's place with reference to the high class type of place it was. Gorman emphatically denied that he had ever carried any messages for anybody to Edith or Joe Roscoe and denied knowing Greenie the cabman. He was also questioned as to the identity of anybody he knew, who was employed at the Commodore Perry Hotel, and he stated that he had never been in this hotel and did not know anybody who was connected with it.

Gorman was questioned relative to whether anybody at the club had discussed the case with him, or whether they had told him that any Federal officers had been conducting an investigation and any of the help at the club had been talked to by Federal officers, and he stated that he knew that Sellers the bootlegger had been picked up by some Federal officers, however, he advised that he thought that the liquor men had picked Sellers up for selling liquor. Gorman continually denied having talked with anyone or having anyone approach him and request him to tell a certain story in the event he was picked up. Agents requested Gorman to submit to having his photograph taken and after some hesitation he agreed, and same will be exhibited to witnesses at Toledo, Ohio, for the purpose of ascertaining if Gorman is the individual who called at Edith Barry's house and made the statement that he could secure a report for the gang from the Commodore Perry Hotel.

With reference to Sam Hessler and Captain George Timiney, Gorman advised that he only knew of these men by hearing various dealers at the club talk about them; he was unable to furnish Agents with any other information with reference to them.

Agents made it clear to Gorman that they doubted his story and advised him it was to his best interests to ascertain the identity of the individual who had made it possible for Karpis to come to the Harvard Club. Gorman stated that he would make inquiries at the club and would also try to find out if Patton and Hebebrand knew the true identity of Karpis during the time he was frequenting the club.



Agents also questioned Gorman as to the identity of the Dealer from Toledo, Ohio, known as "Bill", who, according to Charlie Sellers, stated that Karpis was "O. K." He stated that he could not recall any dealer from Toledo by that name who had worked only a short time at the club during 1934.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. B. Matney:

Agent interviewed Mr. E. Fairbanks, clerk at the Doanbrooke Hotel located at 1924 East 105th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, who advised that he has been employed as clerk in the above-mentioned hotel for six years and is acquainted with the various people living in this hotel.

Mr. Fairbanks examined the records in his possession and advised that they fail to reflect that any person by the name of Kuntz has lived in the Doanbrooke Hotel since January of 1934. Mr. Fairbanks advised that he has never heard of anyone by the name of Marty Kuntz. He stated that had Kuntz lived in the Doanbrooke Hotel he feels sure that he would remember him.

Mr. Fairbanks advised that he would keep the above interview strictly confidential.

Special Agent R. T. Noonan interviewed Mr. Gus Witte, who advised that Marty Kuntz is at present employed by the Chesterfield Club, which is located on Gratiot Avenue near the Ten Mile Road in Detroit, Michigan.

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Maurice "Ta Ta" Bailus, 10615 Grantwood Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, was located at the above address where he resides with his parents, and invited to the Cleveland Bureau office by Special Agents R. T. Noonan and J. B. Fitzgerald where he was interviewed by said Agents and gave the following information:

He said he was born in Russia on September 16, 1902, and was brought to Cleveland, Ohio, by his parents when he was six years old and that he has since resided in this city, where he attended school up to the tenth grade. He said that he has been in the gambling racket for the last seven years having worked at the Harvard Club here for the last three years and for four years prior to working at the Harvard Club he worked as a ticket writer for local Cleveland bookies. He is now a clerk on the crap tables at said club. For a period of six weeks or two months before going to the Harvard Club he said he worked at a Detroit gambling house known as The Palm Gardens located at the corner of Van Dyke and Sixteen Mile Road, and also for a Detroit gambler called Clark.

Bailus stated that the big, old Harvard Club was owned and operated by Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton, but he did not know who operated the present club, although "Toots" Talbot and George "Shorty" Conway are fronting for the place; there being also two other floor bosses, namely Marie Goldstone and Benny Cohen. He said that he has not seen Hebebrand or Patton inside the present location, but has seen them in the vicinity of the club on a few occasions. Photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang and the Cleveland characters involved were displayed to Bailus who identified only Art Hebebrand, Shimmy Patton and "Tip" O'Neil and said that he had never seen any of the others at the Harvard Club or elsewhere. He was questioned particularly about Milton Lett and Fred Hunter, but insisted that he did not remember seeing either of them at this club. Bailus said he did not know anything about any "fix" but as gambling is unlawful and this club continues to operate he said he supposed there must be some arrangement. He went on to explain that he is just an employee there and that he is not taken into the confidence of the persons higher up in the organization to the extent of knowing things like that if they do exist.

Relative to income tax Bailus stated that he earned about \$3,000 in 1935 and \$3,100 in 1934, and that he made a return for these years, although he did not have to pay any tax as he supports a brother and both parents. He said that the club kept track of his earnings and had a lawyer, auditor or income tax man come to the club and prepare returns which each man signed when he was called into a side room and told that his tax return was ready.



Following are the names of the only individuals Bailus can remember who have worked at the club for any length of time:

✓ Al McCabe, Al Foster, "Waddie" Shoemaker, Chris Brown, "Whitie" Mattison, and "Red" McCool. He did not know where any of these men reside.

Maurice Bailus stated that he has been arrested in Cleveland, Ohio, about six times "on investigation" and paid one fine of \$10.00 as a bookmaker, about eight years ago.

Following is a description of Maurice Bailus:

Age	-	34 years
Height	-	5'7"
Weight	-	135 pounds
Eyes	-	Gray (wears glasses)
Hair	-	Light brown
Complexion	-	Fair
Marital Status	-	Single

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and R. T. Noonan:

Louis Weeks, known at the Harvard Club as "Pappie", was located at the Hotel Haddam, 105th Street and Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, on September 18, 1936. On this date Weeks was ill and was confined to his bed, but the following day he was well enough to be interviewed and was interviewed in his hotel room, where he is living with his wife, she being absent during the interview. It is noted that Weeks is living at this hotel under the name of Louis Stein.

Louis Stein, when interviewed, stated that his correct name is Louis Stein, but that he also uses the name Louis Weeks and is called that at the Harvard Club, although he is generally referred to as "Pappie" Weeks and "Whitney" Weeks. He also advised that he is sometimes called "Babe" and several other nicknames, so many in fact that when there is a call at the hotel for someone by nickname only the call is usually sent to him first. He advised that he has been employed at the Harvard Club over a year and one-half, although this employment had not been all at one time. He recalls he was there in the fall of 1934. Previous to that he worked for Game Boy Miller at the Thomas Club in Cleveland and from that

club went to work at the Harvard Club, then went back to the Thomas Club for three or four weeks, returning thereafter to the Harvard Club and has been there ever since. Stein stated that he is now 38 years of age and has been in the gambling racket for at least 18 years. He first worked in Detroit, Michigan, where he formerly lived, and worked for Brady at his place on Grand River Boulevard. He also worked for the combination headed by Fitzgerald and Sullivan which operates the Chesterfield Club in Detroit and worked for them at this club, and it was at this club that he broke into the gambling game many years ago. He has not been in Detroit for the past four or five years. Stein has never worked in Toledo, Ohio, but knows of Tom Worland, the Angus brothers, and Joe Roscoe. He at one time was acquainted with Jimmy Hayes, but does not know the others except that he has heard of them.

Stein advised that he recalled the time the three women, Paula Harmon, Wynona Burdette, and Mrs. Sawyer, were picked up at the Cleveland Hotel, and at that time he was working at the Harvard Club. When shown the photographs of these women he could not recall having ever seen them at the club. He knows who were said to be their companions and he claimed that at the time there was no reference made in the local papers to the fact that Karpis and others were supposed to have been at the Harvard Club, but this statement appeared in the newspapers a long time afterwards. He would not admit that he has ever discussed the presence of these men, Karpis and the Barkers, at the club with any of the other men and could not say that it was the subject of general conversation for a while after the news article, and further stated that he did not recall ever discussing them with any of the other employees. Stein, as many of the other employees who have been interviewed, stated that the trap game dealers, of which he is one, do not pay any attention to the customers unless there is something unusual about the particular customer, and that they seldom know anything about any of the players.

When shown the photographs of Karpis, the Barkers, Campbell, Sawyer, Davis, Harrison, and others, Stein was unable to make any identification again, stating that when the club operated in the large building on Harvard Avenue, there were from 2,000 to 3,000 in the place every night, and he did not try to remember any of the people who were there. He was also unable to identify photographs of Fred Hunter as any one whom he had seen there as a customer or an employee. At that time, the fall of 1935, when Hunter was supposed to have been there he stated that the club had over 150 employees and there were perhaps half of this number that he did not know. When first shown

the photograph of Milton Lett he did not recognize him, but after further questioning he recalled that Lett did work there as a shiller about the fall of 1935, and that he had seen him on a number of occasions. He stated that a shiller visits every table and does so often and for that reason the dealers become familiar with the looks of the persons acting as shillers. He recalled that Lett spoke with a southern accent and believes he was called "Willie" and also "Tennessee" or "Oklahoma." He further recalled that one time Lett did not appear for a few days and when he asked him where he was he said, with a long drawl, "Back home to see the folks." Stein referred to Lett as a rather "nasty, tough, young punk." It is noted that Stein was able to identify photographs of Tip O'Neil, Patton, and Hebebrand.

When questioned as to whom the "fix" was at the Harvard Club, Stein professed not to know. He said that he felt it was some place higher up. He was very hesitant to make any statement or express any opinion as to this, but did state that he knew, as everyone else knew, that if the Sheriff wanted to he would come in and close the place unless some arrangement had been made, and he also said that the same would be true of the local officers at Newburgh Heights, agreeing with the statement that if there was to be a "fix" it would have to be with the Mayor or the Chief of Police. While refusing to claim any knowledge of where the permission was received to run this place, he did state that he felt sure it was not arranged for by the parties who are posing as the proprietors now, viz., Talbot and Conway. As for the organization of the Harvard Club at the present time he stated he did not know just what it was but did think that the old bosses were still the owners and that "Toots" Talbot and "Shorty" Conway were just fronting for them. However, he stated that since the club reopened in its present place of business he has not seen Hebebrand or Patton there and they never put in an appearance. When operating in the old building before they were closed Patton and Hebebrand were there most of the time and were thought to be the real owners. Also during most of that time Dan Gallagher was there as a floorman. Stein could not say whether or not Gallagher was a partner, but stated that if he were he certainly was cut off by the other partners when the new place opened in February, 1936. He also stated that Mitchell was there and was thought to be a partner until he left for Roumania with slot machines. With reference to Kate Weisenberg, Stein claimed not to know Weisenberg and never to have heard of him and did not know him as the "slot machine king", and never heard of him having any connection with the Harvard Club. When asked if he did not know that Weisenberg operated the Mayfair Casino in Cleveland he stated that he did not, but thought a combination operated this place and he did not know who they were.

Louis Stein was asked in what manner he made out his income tax returns for 1935 and he stated that the club had a man, an auditor or attorney, who made out these papers. This man first called the employees in and got their names and addresses and later they were called into the side room or office at the club and were handed the income tax forms made out for their signature; that in his case he signed this form, but did not swear to anything at the time. He stated that he did not pay any income tax in 1935, claiming not to know the amount that appeared on the form as what he had earned, but knew it was not enough so that he had to pay any tax with three dependents, his wife, son, and his mother. He further stated that he did not work full time in 1935 and was off two or three months and explained that to the man who made out these forms. He also stated that he would have had some tax to pay if he had worked full time. Efforts were made to find out from Stein if the amount of his income tax return was \$3,000 or \$3,100 as the others questioned stated their's were, but he continued to state that he could not recall the amount, but did not think it amounted to that much.

Stein was questioned concerning the other employees at the Harvard Club in an effort to secure additional addresses of these employees. He furnished the address of "Waddy" Shoemaker as Quad Hall Hotel on Euclid Avenue, and that of Ben Kelly as on Broadway and 55th Street, stating that the only reason he knew these was because he had dropped these men off at such addresses when bringing them home after work. As for the other employees he could not furnish any addresses of value and as in the case of others interviewed did not know the correct name of many of the employees, knowing them only by first or nicknames. He did state further that Al McCabe lived in the vicinity of 105th and Euclid, and that he was a large man who wore glasses; that he thought Al Foster lived in the vicinity of East 90th or 95th Street and Euclid (it is noted that Maurice Bailus thought Foster lived in the vicinity of St. Clair and East 88th Street, and Stein then recalled that Foster was supposed to have moved recently and may be in that vicinity.) With reference to Pete Mellee, the Italian, he only knew that he lived way out on the east side and that he was married and had a family. He knew Bert Krotnor of the horse room, but did not know where he lived and did not know any others, who are employed in the horse room. Ray McKay, he knew as a tall, skinny man, who recently returned from Toledo, but he did not know where he lived.

The following is a description of Stein, obtained from observation:

Age	-	38 years
Height	-	5'6"
Weight	-	190 pounds
Hair	-	Brown
Complexion	-	Sallow
Features	-	Decidedly Jewish
Peculiarities	-	Has large stomach
Marital Status	-	Married - one child
Residence	-	Hotel Haddam, Cleveland, Ohio.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. Paul Kitchin and L. Levin:

As a result of the interview with John Gorman, alias "Sharkey" Gorman, and the fact that Gorman accompanied Agent C. E. Smith to a spot located near the school just west of West 25th Street, and on Denison Avenue, stating that it was in this community that Lett resided, the above Agents made a complete survey of the community with negative results.

Interview was had with every family residing in the following outlined district: From West 25th Street west to 36th Street on Denison Avenue, then 31st, 32nd Place, 33rd and 34th Streets, south past Bradwell Avenue, thence Bradwell Avenue from 35th to 33rd Streets; then from West 25th Street to the end of Garden Street; thence 32nd Place, 33rd and 34th Streets to Archwood Avenue, then from West 25th Street west on Archwood to 34th Street. The above inquiries produced negative results and it was ascertained that there were very few rooming houses in the community as the majority of the residents in this neighborhood own their own homes and do not keep roomers or boarders. The following are the rooming houses located in this territory:

Mrs. R. Brooker, 3889 West 33rd Street  
 Mrs. Sarah Gargo, 3874 West 33rd Street  
 Mrs. C. Bender, 3501 Highview Avenue  
 Mrs. Kate Watson, 2903 Denison Avenue  
 Mrs. C. Matlock, 3001 Garden Street  
 Mrs. H. Robinson, 3005 Garden Street  
 Mrs. Hans Kenshan, 3306 Denison Avenue  
 Archwood Manor Apartments, 3209 Archwood Avenue  
 Brookside Manor Apartments, 3308 Archwood Avenue  
 Brooklyn Manor Apartments, 3311 Archwood Avenue.

The above listed landladies and the managers of the three apartments listed above, were shown the photo of Lett, but none could identify same, nor could they recall anyone driving a car with Kansas license thereon, as having lived either at their places or in the neighborhood, or rented a garage in the vicinity for such an automobile.

F. X. Borges, manager of the National Refining Company filling station, located at West 51st Street and Denison Avenue was interviewed relative to his recollection of having serviced an automobile within the past year, or year and one-half, that bore license plates of the state of Kansas. He stated that he did recall servicing an auto from Kansas and that he was almost positive that he maintained a record of this transaction. He searched his card index records and exhibited to Agents a card made out for George Benton and dated on October 7, 1935, for a change of oil on a Ford V8 (no style or motor number listed) bearing 1935 Kansas license number 5-11020. It is noted that this is a corroboration of the belief that Lett is the party who used the name of George Benton since the license number above is the number of the license listed to Lett for his 1935 Ford V8 sedan. Borges positively identified the photo of Lett as being identical with George Benton and stated that he recalls that he often came to this filling station for gas and oil, but that this is the only occasion that his car was taken for service. He searched his records of duplicate receipts and found a receipt signed by George Benton, 225 Church Street, dated October 7, 1936. The portion of this receipt bearing the signature of Benton was torn from the duplicate receipt and turned over to this Agent and is being retained in the Cleveland office files of this case. The speedometer reading was listed as 9,980 miles on the above portion of the receipt.

Borges stated that he became suspicious of this man due to the fact that at the time he signed the above mentioned receipt, the address given was known to him as being fictitious in the city of Cleveland, and also the fact that he hesitated to place his signature on the receipt. He stated that he recalls that on each occasion when Lett came to his station, he would come from the east on Denison Avenue, drive into the outside lane of the station with his car headed west, and after getting gasoline, he would always drive west out of the station and west on Denison Avenue. He stated that he did not pay any attention as to whether this man stopped in the community and has no idea as to where this man was residing. He stated that it was his opinion that he must have resided near his station because if not he would have had no reason for trading at his station due to



the fact that he did not have any charge account. He stated that Walter Brazie worked for him during the latter part of 1935, but that Brazie did not work regularly, but about one day a week.

Walter Brazie was later interviewed at the above filling station at which time he stated that during September and October of 1935, he was working at this filling station only about one day per week. When asked about the transaction mentioned above, he stated that he was not present when this car was serviced and he therefore did not recall the automobile. He was shown the photograph of Milton Lett at which time he stated that the photo did not resemble anyone known to him. He was shown the card bearing the name of George Benton and stated that the name of Benton was familiar, but that he did not recall where he had heard same. He suggested that it may have been at the National Filling Station located at West 25th Street and Scranton Road, or the one located at West 129th and Lorain, as he was also employed at these places during the period in question.

Mr. W. Crist, manager of the National Filling Station, 25th Street and Scranton Road, after a search of his card index records stated that he had no record in the name or known aliases of Lett, neither could he recognize the photograph.

At the National Filling Station at West 129th and Lorain it was ascertained that the manager of the station during 1935 was at present employed at the Standard Filling Station, also located at West 25th and Scranton Road.

Mr. Al Alers, manager of the Standard Sohio Filling Station, West 25th Street and Scranton Road, stated that he does not recall any car being serviced by him or at the station at 129th and Lorain by any of the names of Lett, or any car having a Kansas license plates.

W. Tryiak, owner, Denison Square Dry Cleaning and Tailoring Company, 2807 Denison Avenue, stated that he recalled that on one occasion a man answering the description of Lett came into his shop and had a suit pressed; that this man was of small stature and had a southern accent. He stated that he did not notice the label in his clothes and therefore could not state from what section of the country this man originated. He examined the photo of Lett and stated that it looked familiar to him and he thought, although he was not positive, that this was the man to whom he had reference. He stated that this man never came to his shop again and that he did not have any address for this individual. According to Tryiak, this must have been about two months before Christmas of 1935.

Mr. S. Simon, manager of the Simon Pressing Club, 3602 Denison Avenue, after examining the photo of Lett, stated that he is positive this man never came into his shop and he does not recall as having ever seen anyone who resembled this photo.

The above are the only two pressing establishments which are convenient in this community.

It was ascertained at the Shell Gasoline Station, West 34th and Denison Avenue, that the manager and only employee at this filling station during the latter part of 1935, is at present unemployed and that his name is Lorne H. Bevis.

Lorne H. Bevis, 10820 Langton Road, stated that during the last five months of 1935, he was manager of the Shell Station located at West 34th and Denison Avenue. He stated after examining the photo of Lett and being told of the automobile owned by Lett, that he has no recollection of this man or the automobile.

Inquiries were made at the George Dorsey Real Estate Company, 3777 West 25th Street, and K. Ruple Real Estate Company, 3862 West 31st Street, relative to the rentals of any room or apartment to Lett.

K. Ruple stated that he had been in this community for the past two years and that he never recalled anyone by the names of Lett or answering to his description, living in this neighborhood, and that he is positive that he has never rented any garage space to Lett, or anyone for a Kansas automobile.

George Dorsey stated that he has never seen anyone who resembled the photo of Lett and that he is positive that he has never rented either a room, apartment or garage to anyone answering to his description. He stated that the only person he knows who came from the section around the state of Kansas, was a man who was in Cleveland about three or four years ago and was at that time going with a girl by the name of Marie Matusky. He stated that this man, name not recalled, wore sideburns and was tall and slender; that this man came through Cleveland about eight or nine months ago and saw him on the street; that he asked about the Matusky girl and when informed that she was married stated that he would like to go out just to pay his respects to her. He stated that he took this man to 4488 West 45th Street where the man went into the house, but returned in about five minutes stating that Marie Matusky was not at home. He stated that this man carried a pistol, according to the Matusky girl and that he knew himself that this man was in some racket as he was always flushed with money while he resided in Cleveland; that the man on one occasion told him that he worked in the oil fields in Oklahoma.



Based on the possibility that this man may have been some friend of Lett, and that Lett may have resided with him or at the place where he did reside on his recommendation, an interview was had with Marie Katusky at the above-mentioned address. She stated that she had not seen Sam Collins for about three or four years, but that she was told by her mother that he was in Cleveland and came by to see her about six months ago. He stated that she met this man when she was operating a fruit stand near the corner of West 25th Street and Denison Avenue; that she went with him occasionally for about six months, but he left town and she subsequently married. She stated that she did not know much about this man and she never knew him to have anyone with him who answered the description of Lett; that no one has ever approached her stating that they knew Sam Collins. She stated that she knew that Collins carried a gun but that she did not know what he did for a living. She did not know where Collins came from but stated that it was somewhere in the state of Oklahoma. She stated that when he was in Cleveland he lived at a rooming house at the corner of West 25th and Scranton Road, just in the rear of the National Refining Station.

Inquiries at this rooming house disclosed that it is known as the Century House; that it was operated up until a few months ago by a Mr. and Mrs. McHugh; that Mr. McHugh is at present operating a filling station at the corner of West 25th Street and Marvin Avenue.

Mr. McHugh was located at the above mentioned station at which time he stated that he recalls Sam Collins, but that he did not know any of his associates. He stated that he has not seen Collins since some time about eight or nine months ago when he met Collins on the street and had a short conversation with him. He was shown the photo of Lett, but could not recall as having ever seen anyone who resembled this photo.

Discreet inquiries were made in all of the restaurants and pool rooms located in this vicinity with negative results. The records of the West 25th Street Branch of the Cleveland Trust Company were checked for accounts and also for a safety deposit box, but also with negative results.

The records of the Brooklyn Branch of the U. S. Post Office were also checked and no record was found of anyone by the name of Lett, or any of his known aliases.

It is deemed advisable to reinterview John Gorman, alias Sharkey Gorman, as it is thought he has more information relative to the residence of Lett at the time Lett was residing in Cleveland, Ohio.

In connection with the last interview with Inspector Frank Story, as contained in report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, September 15, 1936, the writer reinterviewed former police inspector C. W. Cody, who is now head of the safety department of the Cleveland Trust Company. He was asked if Inspector Story, who was working under him in 1934, had told him about a police official making a contact with someone from the Harvard Club on the morning after the arrest of the three women, and he advised that Story had not told him about the matter. He also advised in response to a question that Story had never told him he had learned from Barney Wolf that Joe Jacobs had called the Harvard Club after the arrest of the women and inquired concerning them. He did state that the entire setup makes it quite apparent that there was a tipoff of some sort to the fugitives, but he said he could not put his finger on it. Mr. Cody is very frank to state that he is no longer connected with the police department and for that reason does not desire to become involved in this investigation in any way. It is the opinion of the reporting agent that Cody would not supply any information in this matter if he possessed it for the reason that he does not desire to become mixed up in any embarrassing situation with his former associates in the police department.

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Lieutenant Bernard Wolf, commonly known as Barney Wolf, of the Cleveland Police Department, was interviewed on September 17, 1936, by Special Agent S. K. McKee at the Great Lakes Exposition Grounds in connection with the statement made by Inspector Frank Story to the effect that Wolf had told him that a telephone call had been made to the Harvard Club on the night the three women were arrested and the person making same was Detective Joe Jacobs, now deceased. The above referred to interview with Inspector Story is set out in the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, September 15, 1936.

Wolf was disinclined to discuss this case in any way, citing as his reasons the fact that he had received some very undesirable publicity following the arrests of Karpis and Campbell. He stated that newspaper items had been published quoting the Director as stating that the Karpis mob had been tipped off by crooked police officers; that the papers had printed the photographs of several police officers, including himself; that this publicity had angered him as he felt it was most undeserved and that he had made a statement to the press that the Bureau should either prove the allegations against the police department or offer an apology. Wolf also made some very bitter remarks against former Special Agent W. E. Peters to the effect that his contacts with the police department had been of a most uncooperative nature and that he had been caught lying to officers on numerous occasions. Agent told Wolf that his feelings should possibly be directed against the newspapers as they had no doubt been entirely responsible for publishing his picture. Wolf's attitude changed to some extent and he advised that he did not intend to appear uncooperative but he felt that in view of the publicity this case had received, he did not wish to make any statements unless same were made in the presence of the chief. He telephoned Chief Matowitz and discussed the situation with him and was instructed to answer any question which Agent might ask.

He advised that he was off duty when the three women were arrested and knew nothing about the arrests until the following morning when he learned from Detectives Joe Jacobs and Harry Hugo, who were working under him on the Homicide Squad, that they had conducted considerable investigation as to some men thought to be living with the three women. He stated that Joe Jacobs had told him that he had telephoned to Shimmy Patton at the Harvard Club on the night the women were arrested in order to check on the stories told by the women as to their husbands working at the club and that he also said that he and Hugo had gone to the club several hours

later and talked to Patton about the women in order to identify them if possible. He said the identities of the mob with which the women were connected was learned on the same morning through some fingerprints of Fred Barker found in the house on West 171st Street where two couples had been living. Wolf said that he was assigned to assist in the investigation of the case in order to locate some of the fugitives, if possible. His work consisted of checking on the rentals of the houses and in this connection he advised that he thought the fact that three of the houses used by the gang being rented from Hebebrand and Mitchell was more than a coincidence. Wolf also said that there is no doubt in his mind that the gang were tipped off in some way to the arrests of the women, possibly with deliberation or perhaps through honest efforts to identify the women. He stated that messages are regularly gotten out of the jail, sometimes through outgoing prisoners and sometimes through telephone calls. He advised in response to questions that he did not have any idea what the source of this tipoff could have been, but the facts indicated to him that a tipoff had taken place.

Lieutenant Wolf was asked if he had ever heard a story about a police official having received a telephone call on the morning following the arrests of the women from some person connected with the Harvard Club and in which the official later met the person from the club at a point near Franklin Circle, or any other place where he was told that the men associated with the women were "bad paper" or some similar statement which indicated that the person knew considerable about the fugitives. Wolf said that he never had been told anything about any such incident. He was advised of the general descriptive data previously furnished by Inspector Frank Story, and he then stated that the details indicated the official in question might be Captain Emmett J. Potts. He said he would talk to Potts and if he were the man he would see to it that Potts came to the Cleveland office and tell what he knew. Wolf was told that this arrangement would be satisfactory.

Of his own volition Lieutenant Wolf informed Agent McKee that one "Pug" Smith, age about 46 years, height five feet two inches, an old time bank robber out of Toledo, and a close friend of "Tip" O'Neil, has been in Cleveland for some time hanging out in the vicinity of 117th and Detroit Avenue, and that he, Wolf, cannot think of a better contact for such fugitives as Karpis and his friends than Smith. He suggested that Inspector Joseph Sweeney of the Detective Bureau might have a photograph of Smith, or that one might be obtained from the Toledo Police Department. Efforts will be made to locate this party for interview, inasmuch as there appears to be some possibility of his having data of value in view of his closeness to "Tip" O'Neil.

Upon the return of Agent McKee to the Cleveland office, following the interview with Lieutenant Wolf, Inspector Frank Story

telephoned and stated that he had talked to the police officer in question and that he was ready to discuss the matter. He informed that the officer in question was Captain Emmett J. Potts. He also advised that he had received a telephone call from Wolf a few minutes before calling Agent and that Wolf had told him that Agent had talked with him and that he was going to talk to Potts and learn if he was the man in question. Almost immediately after the above call Lieutenant Wolf communicated with Agent via telephone and advised that he had talked with Captain Potts; that Potts had agreed to discuss the matter and was coming to the exposition grounds during the afternoon. Wolf requested that Agent meet him at the temporary police headquarters at the exposition grounds during the afternoon for the purpose of talking to Captain Potts.

Captain Emmett J. Potts was interviewed in the presence of Wolf on the afternoon of September 17, 1936, at the exposition grounds. He advised that he had no part in the investigation which followed the arrests of the three women connected with the Karpis gang other than to possibly write to one or two police departments in connection with investigation to be conducted. With reference to the alleged meeting between him and some person from the Harvard Club on the morning after the three women were arrested, he told the following story: He stated he was on duty at the detective bureau and happened to answer an incoming telephone call in which some unknown man stated, "Tell the boys on the west side to be careful as those people are bad paper." He said he told Inspector Story about the incoming call as he knew Story was actively handling all investigation regarding the men thought to be connected with the three women. He said that he is acquainted with Shimmy Patton and Bill Fergus, but that he does not know Art Hebebrand. He denied that he at any time met any person from the Harvard Club in connection with the arrests of the women, or had a telephone conversation with any person whose identity was known to him. Potts was unable to explain how Inspector Story received the impression that he had met some person from the Harvard Club and could only state that the inspector must have been mistaken.

The writer advised Captain Potts that his story did not sound very plausible in view of the facts furnished by Inspector Story, and he could only state that all he knew was what had actually transpired. He was told that he appeared to possibly be twisting the facts around in order to avoid having to testify against someone from the Harvard Club and thus be placed in some sort of an embarrassing position. He replied that he realized that situation appeared in that light, but that such was not the case. Arrangement was made to talk with Potts and Story at the same time in an effort to straighten out the difference in the stories told by them.

Interview was had with Captain Potts and Inspector Story on the morning of September 18, 1936, by Special Agents S. E. McKee and J. E. Brennan. At this time Inspector Story repeated substantially the same facts as he had related before, but he made some little allowance for his having misunderstood Potts. As a whole, however, he stuck to his story. Potts told the same story and insisted that Story must have misunderstood him. The entire situation was discussed in detail for at least an hour without altering the position taken by either man.

It is deemed appropriate to state that the attitude and demeanor of Captain Potts was such that Agent could not help but doubt his sincerity. The facts, or at least the story told by him, savors so much of an alibi in view of the previous information from Inspector Story that his statements cannot be taken as the truth. In addition to this it is to be remembered that data has been obtained over the telephone tap being maintained as to Ardell Quinn that the Quinn woman telephoned to Captain Potts at his residence on the night of August 17, 1936, and told him that the "big shot" was checking up on someone known to them and that Potts should tell this person to watch his step. This conversation, no doubt, referred to Safety Director Eliot Ness as the "big shot" and concerned some police officer presently under investigation. In view of the attitude of Potts and the known information at hand relating to him, it is believed that he should possibly be confronted with the above information prior to the termination of this investigation in an effort to force him to tell the truth about his meeting with the person from the Harvard Club, who is probably Shimmy Patton. This matter will be discussed with Inspector E. J. Connelley before any action is taken.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, September 8, 1936, pages 16 to 21, wherein certain employees of the Cleveland Hotel were interviewed for their knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the arrests of the three women at the hotel on September 5, 1934. John W. Weber, head porter at the hotel, was interviewed by Special Agent S. K. McKee, and he advised that he was on duty on the afternoon in question and heard about the trouble in the Bronze Room from some other employee. He said he went to the Third Street entrance of the hotel when the women were brought downstairs to be taken to the police station, out of curiosity simply to see what was going on. He advised that the policewoman and police officer were having difficulty getting one of the women into the police car; that they had to be assisted by several hotel employees; and that quite a fight took place between the woman and the policewoman before she was put in the car. At least two of the women created a disturbance by loud talking and cursing and one of them tried to run away with the little girl, who was with them. He said she was caught by two hotel employees and brought back to the police car and that he heard her offer the hotel employees \$500 if they would let her go without being arrested. Although Weber was not positive, he said he believed that Assistant Managers Alguire and Carr and House Officer Gunderson were present at the hotel entrance when the women were taken out. He was asked for information as to the identity of the police officer who assisted in the arrests of the women, but he could not assist in this connection, other than to state that he thought the officer was the regular traffic man stationed near the hotel. Traffic Officer Herman Cletzer, who was on duty near the Cleveland Hotel on September 5, 1934, was contacted inasmuch as it was indicated he might have been one of the officers who assisted Policewoman Wilcox in transporting the Sawyer, Harmon, and Burdette women to the city jail following their arrests at the hotel. He advised that he has been working a shift from 8:00 A. M. until 3:00 P. M. for over two years and that he had nothing to do with the arrests of the women in question.

Traffic Officer George Herr, also on duty near the Cleveland Hotel on the day the women were arrested, was interviewed and he advised that he remembered the incident, but that he was not the officer who assisted in handling the three women. He stated the incident occurred someplace between four and six in the afternoon as he definitely recalls it was during the traffic rush hour. He was of the opinion that the traffic officer from the intersection of West Third Street and Superior Avenue helped the policewoman, however, he could not remember this officer by name.

The name of the traffic officer in question has been learned to be William Stark, #653. He will not be available for interview until after the American Legion Convention, due to extra duty occasioned by the convention.



On September 18, 1936, Special Agents S. K. McKee and J. E. Brennan interviewed Lieutenant W. K. Holloran in the office of the Chief of Police, Cleveland, Ohio, for information concerning letters written to other police departments following the arrests of the Sawyer, Harmon, Burdette women in September, 1934, which might appear to be of value in connection with the harboring inquiries here and in Toledo, Ohio; also for possible information concerning the disposition made of the safety deposit box key #194 which was found in possession of one of the women. Search of the correspondence files in the chief's office failed to reflect any correspondence concerning the safety deposit box key. The files, however, contained copies of two letters written to the Toledo Police Department, and one letter received from the same organization, which will, no doubt, prove of value when members of the Toledo Police Department are questioned as to the harboring situation there. These letters are being quoted as follows:

September 7, 1934

SPECIAL DELIVERY AIR MAIL

"Daniel T. Wolfe,  
"Chief of Police,  
"Toledo, Ohio.

"Dear Sir:

"Enclosed herewith is the photograph of three women arrested here. No. 1 is Wynona Walcott, 2831 East 131 St., your city, a place known as Willow Beach. Was married but not living with her husband, whose name is John Walcott, and who gives his occupation as a gambler from Toledo. Formerly of Charleston, N. C. and her maiden name was Nona Jackson and was married at Charleston.

"No. 2 on the photo is Mrs. Ethel Matterson alias Davis 4419 West 171 St., this city and who up to about two weeks ago resided at 10515 Parkhurst Drive, this city and lived at this address for about three months.

"No. 3 on the photograph gave the name of Gladys Sawyer former address 1878 Jefferson St., St. Paul, Minn.

"Wynona Walcott purchased a Ford victoria motor number 18-875-599 from the K. K. Voelger Co., in Cleveland and at that time gave the name of Mrs. M. L. Bradford, 321 Jefferson Ave., Toledo, Ohio, and claims that she has lived with her husband John Walcott, who is a gambler, since January 1, 1934.

"The neighbors in the vicinity of 4219 East 171 St. where this woman was stopping in Cleveland identified the photography of Fred Barker as being the man who posed as Mrs. Matterson's husband and one of the other men there posed as Mrs. Matterson's brother and was identified as Alvin Karpis and both of these men are wanted in St. Paul for the kidnaping of Edward Bremer.



"Kindly advise as soon as possible whether or not these women can be identified in the vicinity of the given addresses in your city. A book of Bryant's Poems were found in their home, and on the fly leaf was found the name of Franklin Barger, 2703 Robinwood, Toledo, and in pencil Reba Lichtenstein and Stella Masoon and the book was purchased in Campions Book Store, 314 Cherry Street, your city.

Respectfully yours,

GJM:JZ Potts

CHIEF OF POLICE

"Toledo, Ohio

"September 10, 1934

"George J. Matowitz,  
"Chief of Police  
"Cleveland, Ohio

"Dear Chief Matowitz:

"In reply to your communication of the 7th relative to enclosed photographs of Wynona Wolcott, Ethel Matterson and Gladys Sawyer, I beg to advise that our investigating officers are making a thorough investigation of the above subjects, but as yet have not completed their work.

"If possible, please furnish us with photographs of all male suspects implicated in the kidnaping of Edward Bremer, so that our men can make a thorough and complete check up of this.

Very truly yours,

/s/ DANIEL T. WOLFE,  
Chief of Police

/s/ by:  
R. E. ALLEN  
Inspector of Police."

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"September 16, 1934

"Daniel T. Wolfe,  
"Chief of Police,  
"Toledo, Ohio

"Dear Sir:

"Replying to your letter of September 10th regarding  
Wyhona Walcott - Ethel Matterson and Gladys Sawyer whose  
photos are enclosed together with those of Fred Barker  
and Arthur Barker.

"Information received that Fred and Arthur Barker  
together with Alvin Karpis U. S. Department of Justice  
No. 1218 wanted in connection with kidnapping of Ed G.  
Bremer at St. Paul, Minn. and Earl Sawyer and one  
Carpenter (F.N.U.) no photos available of the two latter  
men, visited the three women at 4419 W. 171st Street  
where the women lived for about 5 weeks.

"Trusting this information will be of some value in  
locating the kidnappers. I am enclosing record of  
Ethel Matterson. I am

Respectfully yours,

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CHIEF OF POLICE"

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The originals of the above letters are contained in the  
files of the Chief's office, Cleveland Police Department, and will  
be available for use in the future if necessary.

In connection with data secured during prior interview  
with one of the police officers connected with the investigation  
of the three women to the effect that he had suggested that a tele-  
type be sent to the Toledo Police Department as to the fugitives,  
after they had fled from Cleveland, it was learned that the Cleveland  
Police Department was not equipped with teletype machines during  
September, 1934, and did not install integrity radio communication  
until some time around October, 1934. It would appear from this  
situation that the only advice communicated to the Toledo Police  
Department concerning the fugitives and their connection with the  
Bremer kidnaping case was in the form of the letters which have been  
set out herein.

Special Agent S. K. McKee ascertained from Sergeant Emma Schuler of the Cleveland Women's Bureau that Policewoman Mercedes Hurley was on duty during the first shift on jail duty in September, 1934, while Policewoman Nell Hackney (colored) was on duty during the second shift, which runs from four in the afternoon until midnight. It was also ascertained that Policewoman Sadie R. O'Malley, 1895 West 71st Street, regularly is assigned to the night shift running from midnight until eight o'clock in the morning.

Policewoman Nell Hackney (colored) 8202 Cedar Avenue, was interviewed by Special Agent S. K. McKee and photographs of the three women in question were displayed to her. She identified the photographs and advised that she had talked to them at the city jail and had asked them routine questions relating to their identities and descriptions in order to fill out cards maintained at the Women's Bureau. She examined the cards relative to these women and permitted Agent to examine them and it was noted that a good portion of the information contained thereon was erroneous. This policewoman was on duty from four in the afternoon until midnight during September, 1934, and from ten at night until midnight was always in the jail in connection with women prisoners. She is still on the same shift. She advised in response to questions that she does not recall any conversations had with these women and that none of them asked her to get in touch with anybody for them or take a message out of the jail. She said she only talked with them for a very short time. She did recall that the women were still wearing what appeared to be very expensive jewelry when she talked to them and that one of them complained of having lost a diamond bracelet. She stated that on this first night of the arrest of these women the little girl, who was with one of them was being held in the Women's Bureau while she was being interviewed for information concerning the identities of the three women and any other persons in connection with them.

For use in connection with the statements made by Gladys Sawyer concerning the events which transpired in the jail, the following physical description of Policewoman Nell Hackney was obtained:

Name	-	Nell Hackney
Age	-	33 years
Height	-	5'4"
Weight	-	175 pounds in 1934
Race	-	Black
Complexion	-	Chocolate
Hair	-	Black
Occupation	-	Policewoman with Cleveland PD for five years.

The women's portion of the Cleveland City Jail was examined in connection with the statements made by Gladys Sawyer. It was noted that the entrance is by elevator on the fourth floor of the Central Police Station. Upon alighting from the elevator there is a large room with the turnkey's desk on the right. On the left is a long corridor and small offices for the matrons and small bedrooms for women prisoners open off of this corridor on the left. At the far end of the corridor on the right a long row of cells are located. It was ascertained that one of the small rooms almost immediately opposite the cell block is used for conference purposes by the policewomen. This room is small and contained two chairs and a small table. There is a showerbath in this room, separated from the room proper by a partition and curtains. Examination of this room failed to reveal any buzzer and Policewoman Hackney said she did not know of any buzzer located in the jail. There is a second room which is used for conferences or interviews, same being located about half way down the corridor. This room likewise contains several chairs and a table of a semi-circular shape. The table in the first conference room is square in shape. In the second conference room is located a buzzer with a brass covering, same being located on the wall near the doorway and on the left hand side as one leaves the room. Policewoman Hackney stated she did not know that this buzzer was in existence. Matron Marsicek, who was on duty on the night of September 18, 1936, when these observations were made advised that the buzzer had not been in working order for a good many years.

Matron Barbara Marsicek advised outside the hearing of Policewoman Hackney that Officer Albert Soukup, who is on duty at the jail, knows about Matron Mollie Bartelheim having made telephone calls for prisoners and permitted prisoners to make calls from the jail in order to obtain bond or get attorneys to come to see them. She said this man could tell plenty about the activities of Matron Bartelheim if he only would and in this connection she said he had to appear before the Safety Director in connection with charges placed against this matron on one or two occasions. She also advised that this matron had been discharged once for such activities, but had been reinstated after intervention by a city councilman. Mrs. Marsicek said the other matrons strongly resent many remarks made as to the conduct of the jail and feel that Matron Bartelheim is solely responsible for these remarks. Later interview will be had with Officer Albert Soukup for whatever information of value he may be able to supply concerning the conduct of the jail, the source of the tipoff in the instant case, and the activities of Matron Bartelheim.

Miss Mercedes H. Hurley, 10705 Lake Avenue, apartment 409, was interviewed by Special Agent C. E. Smith, and she stated that she was a policewoman of the Cleveland, Ohio Police Department and had been employed as such since March, 1931. Miss Hurley further advised that during the year and month of September, 1934, she was on jail duty, and her duties consisted of interviewing the prisoners in the women's jail each morning and securing their names and personal histories for the Bureau records, she further stated that she did not question any of the prisoners relative to the offense that they had been arrested for as some policewoman was generally assigned to the case.

Photographs of Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette and Paula Harmon were exhibited to Miss Hurley and she identified them as three women who had been in jail about September 5, 1934, and who were associated with the Karpis gang. Miss Hurley further stated that she had talked a very short time with the three women the morning after their arrest inasmuch as there was considerable activity in regard to them and Miss Heidinger, another policewoman had been assigned to their case. Continuing, Miss Hurley stated that there was considerable publicity in the papers at the time the women were arrested and their true identity known and due to the fact that she had recently made out a list of the prisoners who were in jail at the time she recalled the case.

Miss Hurley was questioned as to whether she had heard any rumors of a tip off or any jewelry missing and she stated that at the time she had so little to do with the case she did not pay much attention to it, other than reading an account of it in the local papers. She further stated that she had not heard any rumors in the Women's Bureau to the effect that there had been a tip off.

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Mr. Albert Soukup, 3431 East 147th Street, telephone LONGacre 3148, was interviewed by Special Agent C. E. Smith and he stated that he was a patrolman in the Cleveland Police Department and had been one for the past thirty-one years, and that he was presently assigned to duty as turnkey in the jail.

When questioned as to what shift he was on duty during September, 1934, Soukup stated that he was not sure, however, when Agent exhibited photographs of Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon and Wynona Burdette to him, he stated that he recalled the three women, due to the publicity they received shortly after their arrest. Soukup further stated that he did not see the women brought into the jail as the women prisoners do not stop at his desk, but are brought immediately to the matrons' office, nor does he recall

going back to see them out of curiosity, stating that one quick way to get into trouble is to fool around with the female prisoners.

Soukup was questioned as to whether he had noted any policewoman or matron permitting any of the three women to use the phone inasmuch as the only telephone that could be used was on his desk, and he stated he could not recall of any one doing so. He further stated that it was practically impossible to separate prisoners in the jail and unless the turnkeys were aware that a prisoner about to be released had received a note from another prisoner, it was almost impossible to prevent information from leaking out.

Soukup was questioned as to whether he had heard any rumors in the department of a tip off and he advised that he had not, stating however, that he had heard a rumor, the source of which he did not know, that the Department of Justice was investigating the Women's Bureau in connection with the three women. Agent questioned Soukup in reference to the various matrons and if he had ever noticed any of them permitting any prisoners to call out who by the rules were not permitted to and he stated he had not and then asked Agent why Matron Mollie Bartelheim was "being picked on", and when Agent advised him that no one was being "picked on" and asked him for his reasons for asking that question. Soukup stated he had none and then confidentially advised Agent that on two occasions Mrs. Bartelheim had been on charges before former Safety Director Edwin Barry, however, he was unable to advise Agent what the basis of the charges were.

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Lillian Richardson, interviewed on September 16, 1936 at Warrensville Workhouse, Cleveland, Ohio, by Special Agents R. T. Noonan and J. B. Fitzgerald, displayed a very friendly and cooperative attitude and stated that she distinctly remembers having been in the Cleveland City Jail on September 5, 1934, when the Sawyer, Harmon and Burdette women were brought in after having been arrested at the Cleveland Hotel for creating a disturbance. She stated that she remembers these women in particular because of the fact that they were all very well dressed and wore considerable diamond jewelry. She stated that she has been in this jail a great many times and has never seen women brought in who were so expensively attired, therefore, she took particular notice of them.

Lillian Richardson related that these women were quite intoxicated upon arrival in her cell block between five and six P. M. and that she was released at six o'clock, or shortly thereafter; that these women stayed by themselves, said very few words to any of the other inmates and complained about the loss of a diamond bracelet immediately upon arrival. They raved about being Cleveland women and that their husbands would "raise" the dickens when they learned of the arrests and one woman talked a lot about her baby girl.

Agents exposed to the view of Lillian Richardson photographs of Gladys Sawyer, Paula Harmon and Wynona Burdette, which were immediately recognized and positively identified as photographs of the three women she had referred to and said that Gladys Sawyer was the one who talked about her little girl, who was picked up with her by the police. Lillian said that these women asked for no one, mentioned no local persons and would not even tell their names while she was there.

She stated that she was released about one-half hour after these women arrived and when she left she asked if she "could do anything for anyone when she got on the outside", but none of the prisoners answered her and she carried out no message for anyone although she frankly stated that she would have delivered a message to any person outside if any of the girls had requested her to do so. She said she knows of no one visiting these women and of no message having been carried out for them. Lillian Richardson stated that one of these women, identified by photograph as Paula Harmon, said that her husband was a gambler, but did not say where he was located or anything about him. She further stated that she knows about five girls who were in this jail at the time in question, but that all of them are drifters and have gone from Cleveland to parts unknown except a Doris Gray, who still resides in Cleveland. This Doris Gray has previously been interviewed by Agents relative to instant matter as reported elsewhere in this report.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J. B. Fitzgerald and R. T. Noonan:

Doris Gray, whom the police records show, was picked up for investigation on September 6, 1934, with address 1854 East 19th Street, was located at 1795 East 19th Street, the Euclid Hall Apartments. It is noted on additional police reports that



this woman was arrested on September 4, 1934, at 9:25 P. M., suspected of street soliciting and was released at six P. M., September 5, 1934. When interviewed, this woman stated that she was picked up twice during the early part of September, 1934, and recalls that shortly after her first arrest and while she was still in jail the three women whom she readily identified from photographs as Paula Harmon, Wynona Bardette, and Mrs. Harry Sawyer, were brought into the jail, and she heard that they had been picked up in the Cleveland Hotel for creating a disturbance. Doris Gray stated that she talked to one of the women shortly after they were brought in and it is noted that before the photographs of these women were shown to Doris Gray stated that she talked to one of the women shortly after they were brought in and it is noted that before the photographs of these women were shown to Doris Gray she gave the name of the woman she talked to as "Mrs. Masterson." The matron, who was on duty that night told Doris Gray that these women had a lot of money and many diamond rings. The woman identified as Paula Harmon (Mrs. Matterson) by Doris Gray told her that she had a diamond bracelet when she was picked up, but that someone took it. The matron told Doris Gray that one of the detectives who made the arrest told her, the matron, that this woman threw the bracelet out of the car on the way to the station.

Doris Gray further stated that these three women stayed by themselves and did not talk to the others in the jail, and that the small one who talked to her was the only one who talked at all. This woman, identified as Paula Harmon, told that she had a little girl five years of age, who was picked up with them and she was worried about what had happened to the girl. Doris Gray stated that she did not take any message out of the jail for any of these women and knows of no one who did. A girl friend by the name of Lillian Richardson was also in jail at the same time and she feels certain that this girl did not take any message out for these women. It is noted that when interviewed at the workhouse later Lillian Richardson told much the same story as Doris Gray.

It was further stated by Doris Gray that she did not hear any of these women ask for anyone, did not see anyone visit them and did not hear any request for an attorney. She stated that she was released the same evening that these women were brought in and she was picked up again a couple of days later and these women were still there. However, on this latter occasion she did not talk to them at all.



Through Doris Gray it was learned that Molly Conley, who formerly resided at 1795 East 19th Street, and was picked up on September 7, 1934, for investigation was now in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, address unknown.

Efforts were made to locate a Dorothy Dean, who was picked up on September 6, 1934, for investigation, with addresses 1854 and 1830 East 19th Street. Inquiry at 1830 East 19th Street of Mrs. Barker, manager, revealed she did not know this woman. Mrs. Barker, however, found on her records one D. Dean registered at this place and occupied suite 226 from September 4 to 6, 1934. She could furnish no other information. Mr. Little, manager of the apartment house at 1854 East 19th Street had no record of this woman ever being there. Doris Gray, when interviewed stated that she knew this girl some time ago, but that Dorothy Dean went to Chicago a long time ago and that her address there is not known. It is noted that a Mrs. Dorothy Dean was interviewed at 1914 East 101st Street, and it was determined that she was not the Dorothy Dean sought, as she is a high type woman and has resided at her present address for ten years.

It is also noted that Anna Morton and Bernice Lee, both white girls, were picked up on September 7, 1934, for investigation and gave the address of 1854 East 19th Street. Mr. Little, manager of the apartment house at this address, was unable to find any record of these two girls, and Doris Gray when questioned concerning them stated that she did not know either of them and believes that they must have used assumed names as no girls by those names were living at this address in September, 1934, when she was there.

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The records of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company were checked by Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin to ascertain whether or not there was a telephone listed to any of the following addresses during the period in which the Barker-Karpis gang was residing in this city, namely, during the summer of 1934:

10515 Parkhurst Avenue;  
4419 West 171st Street;  
18109 Flamingo Avenue;  
3973 West 140th Street;  
7009 Franklin Boulevard.

The records of the above company do not reflect that there was a telephone listed to either of the above addresses during the period in question.

The following summary was prepared by Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin, relative to the log of the telephones of Ardell Quinn and the Beacheliff Building Company:

On September 14, 1936, on the telephone of Ardell Quinn, it was ascertained that Martha McGuire, a prostitute, is at present at Ardell's house.

On this same date, the maid called some woman at Garfield 0493-J, which is listed to Minnie May, 2159 East 85th Street, and asked for the telephone number of Charles Mike; she was told that it was Cherry 1850. This number is listed to Orgill-Maschke and Wickham, 1000 Guarantee Title Building.

Also on this date a girl by the name of Betsy called Ardell at 3:05 P. M., from Buffalo, New York, and asked Ardell if she could come over to her place. Ardell told her to be sure to come as she expected to be very busy during the coming American Legion Convention. Betsy stated that she would be over on this night.

During a telephone call of no consequence, Ardell was heard to state that Gypsie would arrive in Cleveland on the 18th of September. It was also ascertained from conversations on the telephone, that Dr. Marzour, who has been previously reported is evidently the dentist who handles all of the work for the Quinn house.

On September 15, 1936, in a long distance call, the point of origin not obtained, Ardell talked to one Clyda and it was learned from this conversation that both Clyda and one Helen are to arrive at Ardell's on the 17th of September to be here during the convention.

From subsequent conversations, it was learned that the Ruth, who has been previously reported as only RUTH, is Ruth Hayden and is living at the Belden Hotel. Joan Nichols, a prostitute from Chicago, Illinois, called Ardell and told her that she was in town and that she was living at the Mt. Royal Hotel, room 328, telephone Henderson 1450. She requested Ardell to call her if she could be used. While endeavoring to get some girls for a party of six or seven men who called and stated that they were coming out, Ardell called the following numbers, but received no answer: Washington 4282, which is listed to W. A. Smith; 2830 Sedgwick Road, and Garfield 8724, which is listed to East 1898 East 82nd Street, suite 11.

On September 16, 1936, in a telephone call made by Ardell to the William Bauer Company for champagne, it was learned that Mrs. G. Currier is identical with Gypsy and that she was at Ardell's on this date. The champagne was ordered in her name after Ardell conferred with her. This is the party who was to arrive from Dallas, Texas, on the night of September 15th, on the New York Central, at 11:30 P. M., but did not arrive on the specified time.

On the same date, Ardell told one Benny, telephonically, that Gladys would arrive on September 17th for an indefinite stay. One Flo also called Ardell and told her that she had arrived in town and would be "out on the job tonight."

On September 17, 1936, it was ascertained that Joe Ganin is going into the bookie business with French. The full name of French and the address of his establishment has been previously reported. The same Flo, mentioned above, called Ardell and told her that she was at Gertrude's place, phone Garfield 6982-J, and would be there for a few days. This phone is listed to Mrs. Gertrude Wright, 1822 Crawford Road, and is evidently a house of prostitution. On this same date, Alice called Ardell and told her that she had a new telephone number which was given as Cedar 6429-J. This number is listed in the name of Val Bowers, 2064 East 88th Street, suite 12. On this same day, it was ascertained that Nate Weisenberg was again at Ardell's.

On September 18, 1936, Ardell called Nate Weisenberg at the Mayfair Casino and insisted that she be furnished with two more twenty-five cent play slot machines. After some hesitancy, Nate agreed to send them to her on this day.

On September 19, 1936, Charles Green, called Ardell from room 484 in the Hollenden Hotel and told her that he was in charge of the entire California delegation and that he would assist her in procuring some customers. He then ordered two girls sent down to the hotel. Jackie and Bea were sent down to this place and later called Ardell and told her that they were questioned by an officer and they both escaped arrest by a slim margin. They advised Ardell not to send any more girls out to the hotels as all the hotels were being watched.

The telephone tap on the Beachcliff Building Company has been unproductive to date. Hebebrand has not made any calls from this place, neither has he called in to this place.

In connection with the woman known only as Miss G. Carrier, 1720 South Ervay Street, Dallas, Texas, to whom Ardell Quinn, Cleveland, Ohio, sent a telegram on September 8, 1936, requesting that she return to Cleveland promptly as her services were needed on September 18th, information was received from the Dallas Bureau office via teletype on September 15, 1936, that the woman had left Dallas on the previous day and would probably arrive in Cleveland, Ohio, via New York Central Railroad from St. Louis, Missouri, at 11:20 P. M., September 15, 1936. Description of this individual was furnished as follows:

Age	-	27 years
Height	-	5'3"
Weight	-	118 pounds
Eyes	-	Blue
Hair	-	Very dark brown
Build	-	Slender

It was ascertained that the only New York Central Railroad train arriving in Cleveland from St. Louis at night is #24 arriving at 11:30 P. M. There is a train #124 arriving at 11:20 P. M. from Cincinnati.

Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and R. T. Noonan boarded train #24 at Linndale, Ohio, a short distance outside of Cleveland, but failed to notice any woman answering the description of the woman in question. The Pullman conductor and railroad conductor on this train were contacted and it was learned that there was no woman passenger on board travelling from Dallas, Texas. There was only one passenger from Dallas and this individual was a man. Special Agents S. K. McKee and L. Levin were located in Terminal station in order to observe this woman and secure the license number of the taxi in which she left the station, and Special Agents J. E. Brennan and W. B. Matney were located in their hotel room, which is in the general neighborhood of the house of prostitution operated by the Quinn woman, in order to receive a telephone call from one of the Agents at the station and then observe the taxi in question deliver the girl to the Quinn house. It was not deemed advisable to attempt to trail the taxi of this woman from the Terminal inasmuch as the telephone tap on the Quinn phone has indicated that she has very friendly contacts with the Yellow Cab Company, which has the franchise at Terminal station, and as the various cab drivers know her place well from making frequent trips there.

All passengers arriving on New York Central trains numbers 24 and 124 were observed by the Agents at the Terminal as they came up the ramp from the platform to the station lobby, but no woman who even approximated the description of the woman involved herein was noticed.

A teletype was transmitted to the Dallas Bureau office on the morning of September 16, 1936, requesting that information as to this woman, including the name used by her in making Pullman reservations at Dallas, be furnished the St. Louis Bureau office with a request that Pullman reservations from St. Louis to Cleveland be checked through the date of September 17th, for the name of this woman in order that information as to her arrival time in Cleveland might be available to the Cleveland Bureau office for surveillance purposes. The Dallas office was also requested to expedite their report on this matter so the results might be available for further investigation to be conducted here.

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Referring to report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, September 15, 1936, page 65, relating to the telephone call made by Ardell Quinn to police headquarters wherein she asked Captain Aufmuth to call at her place on the evening of September 9, 1936, Special Agents S. K. McKee and J. E. Brennan covered the residence of Ardell Quinn from eight P. M. until one A. M., September 10, 1936, and made notations of license numbers of automobiles stopping in the vicinity of her house at 1916 East 84th Street.

Check of the automobile registrations in Cleveland on the numbers obtained revealed the following:

Ohio JT 447 was issued to Fred Jersa, 4139 E. 131st St., on a Plymouth sedan;  
JC 921 was issued to Lola E. Boyd, 2481 Edgemoor Road, Cleveland Heights, on an Oldsmobile coupe;  
FE 553 was issued to William Ratz, 540 E. 105th Street, on a Plymouth sedan;  
KE 297 was issued to Bennett Rose, 413 E. 118th Street, on a Chevrolet sedan;  
CE 849 was issued to John H. Thomas, 1633 Bryn Mawr Avenue, East Cleveland, on a Plymouth sedan.

Ohio license numbers TS 16, AS 584, and AQ 849, are not listed in the files of the Auto Registration Bureau at Cleveland, therefore a communication is being directed to the Cincinnati office requesting that the names and addresses to whom these licenses are issued be furnished.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Cleveland, Ohio, will continue investigation to locate and interview all persons connected with the Harvard Club during the summer of 1934, and later, in order to secure evidence showing knowledge on part of Hebebrand, Patton, and others that Karpis, et al, were fugitives this case.

At Toledo, Ohio, will secure information through the police department relating to "Pug" Smith, this investigation having been previously requested by memorandum. Will also locate and interview Bill Arris, possibly Harris, said to be employed at the Dugout, inasmuch as he may be the dealer named BILL, who introduced Karpis and Harrison to Charles Sellers at the speakeasy near the Harvard Club in 1934. This investigation has also been requested in memorandum form.

Investigation in other field office districts which is desired in connection with the Cleveland harboring situation is being requested in letter form.

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FBI CLEVELAND 9-25-36 12-25 PM EST AHE

DIRECTOR

PHONE BREKID AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO SPEND TEN DOLLARS FOR SHEET  
PILLOW AND SLIP USE DETENTION ROOM. ALL PRESENT EQUIPMENT IN USE.  
EXPECT TO USE THESE TONITE IN DETENTION OF FEMALE PRISONER FROM  
ARDELL QUINN'S HOUSE OF PROSTITUTION DEVELOPING WSTA CASE. AUTHORITY  
FOR ACTION DESIRED AND TO EMPLOY MRS MARGARET WEAVER AS MATRON AT  
FIVE DOLLARS PER NIGHT.

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*Edward J. Robinson*

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Mr. Baughman  
Mr. Clegg  
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## Laboratory Report

Case: **BRAXID.**

September 25, 1936.

Number: **7-576-12857**

Specimens: The following evidence consists of registration sheets of The Hotel Alg  
 Q1. Sheet bearing names of J. D. Adams and wife and W. J. Harrison under dates  
 of February 11, 1934. (#9829 and #9830).  
 Q2. Sheet bearing registration of W. J. Harrison - (Sisters) under date of  
 January 27, 1934. (#9596).  
 Q3. Sheet bearing registration of Miss R. S. Greenwood under date of  
 September 6, 1934. (#3519).  
 Q4. Sheet bearing registrations of W. J. Harrison and T. C. Blackburn under  
 date of February 20, 1934. (#9970 and #9970).

Examination requested by: **Cleveland**Date received: **9-12-36**Examination requested: **Document**

Result of examination:

Examination by: **Appel**

By a comparison of the known signatures of W. J. Harrison, #FBI-727007,  
 with the questioned specimens Q1, Q2 and Q4 it is believed that the signature  
 "W. J. Harrison, Hammond, Indiana", was written by him. It is also believed  
 that the words "Hammond, Indiana" on the registration of J. D. Adams and wife  
 were written by W. J. Harrison. No conclusion can be made as to J. D. Adams  
 and wife for the reason that there are no known specimens which are comparable  
 with these words, but as stated the "Hammond, Indiana" which appears after  
 these words is believed to have been written by the person who wrote the other  
 registration on this page and the registrations on the other specimens, Q2 and  
 Q4.

With reference to Q3 the registration of Miss R. S. Greenwood,  
 Cleveland, no conclusion was made, there being only the signature on the  
 fingerprint card of Dolores DeLaney, #FBI-877718.

The registration "T. C. Blackburn" on specimen Q4 is believed to  
 have been written by Fred Barker. This registration is also similar to that  
 on registrations of other hotels previously submitted and previously identified  
 with the writing of Fred Barker.

As requested the original registration sheets are returned herewith,  
 photographic copies having been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

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*-12928*  
Mr. J. P. MacFarland,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1448 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau

September 18, 1936.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure:

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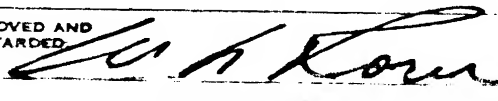

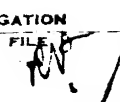
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO.

**7-27**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Salt Lake City, Utah</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9-24-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9-18-36</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>VAL C. ZIMMER</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases; FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Stop notices placed in Utah and Nevada on 1933 Ford Coupe, Motor 18429014 withdrawn. Stop notices with Motor Vehicle Bureaus in Utah and Nevada pending for Ford Tudor sedan, Motor 2044337 and Plymouth sedan, Motor PJ 322772.</b>			
<b>P.</b>			
REFERENCE: <b>Letter from Cleveland Office, 9-12-36.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.</b>			
<p>On receipt of reference letter communications were directed to the Motor vehicle Bureaus of the States of Utah and Nevada requesting that the stop notice which had been filed previously by the Salt Lake City Office against 1933 Standard Ford Coupe, Motor 18-429014, be withdrawn, inasmuch as such car had been located at Toledo, Ohio.</p> <p>An examination of this file in the Salt Lake City Office indicates</p>			
<small>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</small>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>7-576-12929 SEP 28 1936</b> RECORDED AND INDEXED	
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that at the present time stop notices are pending with the Motor Vehicle Bureaus in Utah and Nevada for the following cars:

Ford Tudor sedan, Motor 2044337  
Plymouth Sedan, Motor PJ 322772, Serial 2619857.

There appear to be no leads outstanding in the territory covered by the Salt Lake City Office other than the above mentioned wanted notices, and this case is accordingly being kept pending awaiting results on such stop notices.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

Post Office Box #1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
September 25th, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to the exhibits  
in the above entitled case which were returned to this  
office and referred to in Bureau communication of July  
31st, 1936, (7-576), you are advised that I have  
contacted Mr. E. F. Woodcock, the son of the owner  
and also Manager of the property at Camp Fairchild  
on Lake Catherine near Hot Springs, Arkansas, from  
which these articles were taken for transmittal to  
the Bureau and Mr. Woodcock has informed me that this  
property is of no value to him and he does not desire  
its return.

In view of the above and the fact  
that this property is not considered of value as  
evidence in this case, the advice of the Bureau is  
requested as to whether it would be proper to destroy  
the same.

Very truly yours,

*Chapman Fletcher*  
CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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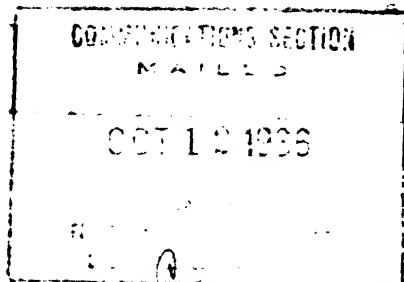
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 28, 1936, in which you advise that Mr. E. F. Woodcock does not desire the return of the articles which were obtained from the house near Hot Springs, Arkansas, which house was formerly occupied by Alvin Karpis and others of his associates.

As this property has no evidentiary value in further prosecutions which might be had in this case, the Bureau authorizes you to destroy these articles.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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NIGHT LETTER

CLEVELAND OHIO  
September 22, 1936.

E. J. Connelley  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1130 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

BREKID HUDSON COUPE MOTOR SIX EIGHT NAUGHT TWO ONE SERIAL FIVE FOUR SIX SIX TWO  
NINE SOLD HARRY CAMPBELL UNDER NAME CHARLES MILLER SEPTEMBER SIXTEENTH THIRTY  
FIVE BY MANING MARCO COMPANY YOUNGSTOWN STOP ADVISE ALL AVAILABLE DATA THIS  
CAR ON FILE MOTOR BUREAU COLUMBUS

MAC FARLAND

cc-Bureau

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
September 25th, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with request contained in my letter of June 6th, 1936, in the above entitled case, the advice of the Bureau is requested as to whether I may now dispose of the ~~the~~ cartridges taken from the drum and clip of the machine guns which were the property of Subjects of this investigation and which were transmitted to the Bureau in accordance with my letter above referred to.

Very truly yours,

*Chapman Fletcher*  
CHAPMAN FLETCHER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1832;  
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER;  
Victim; KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION  
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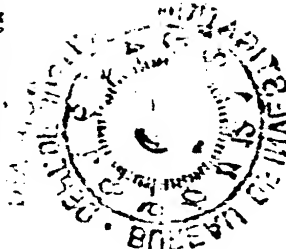
Reference is made to your letter dated  
September 25, 1936, concerning the cartridges taken from the  
drum and clip of the machine guns which were the property  
of the Subjects of this investigation.

The Bureau authorizes you to dispose of these  
cartridges and suggests that these cartridges may be used  
during the quarterly firearms training period.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/26/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/26/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>CHARLES JENKINS CJ/shc</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Assistant United States Attorney Austin Hall, Chicago, Illinois, advised that no definite date has been set for the trial of the case against MATTHEW GLEASON, but that it would probably be set for the latter part of October, 1936.</p> </div>			
REFERENCE: Bureau telegram dated September 24, 1936.			
DETAILS:  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><u>At Chicago, Illinois.</u></p> <p>Agent conferred with Assistant United States Attorney Austin Hall, Chicago, Illinois, with reference to the trial of the case against MATTHEW GLEASON. Mr. Hall advised that no definite date had as yet been set for the trial of this case but it is expected that it would be set for the latter part of October, 1936.</p> </div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

September 25, 1936

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREXID

On September 24, 1936, on authority of Inspector E. J. Connelley, the tap on the telephone of the Amusement Game and Novelty Company, 514 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, Main 5412, was discontinued.

Very truly yours,

EJW/EJB  
CC - Chicago  
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J. P. MacPARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

404 New York Building

Saint Paul, Minnesota

September 25, 1936

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Mr. R. E. Melton, Special Agent, Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue, and Deputy Collector M. S. Hartsinck, both of St. Paul, Minnesota, called at this office September 24, 1936. They advised that they had received a call from Charles W. Montrose, Room 308 Frederick Hotel, St. Paul, on September 24, 1936 advising that he had some very confidential information to impart. Accordingly, they called upon him at his room early that morning and were advised that he had information pertaining to the Lindbergh and the Brekid cases. They informed him that both cases were beyond their jurisdiction and were under the jurisdiction of this Bureau.

I informed Mr. Melton and Mr. Hartsinck that any information pertaining to the Lindbergh case should properly be forwarded to the New Jersey State Police, but that we are interested in any facts pertaining to the Brekid case.

Accordingly, Special Agent H. A. Loughran proceeded to the Frederick Hotel, where Montrose was found in his room. He was courteously invited to come to this office for a discussion of any information he may have in the Brekid case. Upon his arrival it was noted that he was a rather picturesque figure who wears a black cowboy hat and fancy leather-tipped boots. He appeared to be in a slightly intoxicated condition at the time of his call.

He advised that about seven years ago he and two other employees of the Detroit Times, Detroit, Michigan, were sentenced to the State Penitentiary in Michigan for conversion of funds, which was the outgrowth of his and the other two employees investigation of the selling of pardons and paroles by the then Governor Grosbeck and a Mr. Good, whom he now claims is the Chief Probation Officer under Sanford Bates, Director of the Bureau of Prisons. Montrose stated he served

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his seven years in the penitentiary at Jackson, Michigan, while the other two individuals went to Marquette. He declined to furnish their names, and was somewhat reticent about the whole affair.

When queried as to the information that he possessed in the Brekid case, he stated that on the night of September 23, 1936 some individual about 35 years old, five feet, six inches tall, 175 pounds, brown hair, and well dressed, occupation - salesman, named "Joe", advised him he was a former gangster and that he was implicated in the gang which had kidnaped Bremer and which gang had been located through an airplane observed by the victim. It is obvious that the case referred to is the Urschel case rather than the Bremer case.

Montrose had no further information on this angle and branched off into the Lindbergh case, stating that the Bureau was not interested in determining the true solution of that case, advising that about a year ago in San Francisco he had communicated with the office out there and had been told by it that it was not interested and that any information he possessed should be referred to the New Jersey State Police. He advised that our Portland Office had made the same statement to him.

Montrose advised that he is the publicity man for the O T O Ranch, located near Livingston, Montana. I recall that the results of an interview with him by a reporter of the St. Paul Daily News had been carried in that paper on September 23, 1936. Montrose stated he intended to go from here to Chicago and then to Washington, where he planned to extend an invitation to the Director to do some big game hunting this Fall on that ranch.

Montrose appears to be a decidedly unreliable individual and of the type that would endeavor to secure money under the pretense of furnishing information in any case that the Bureau might be interested in.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*  
C. W. STEIN

Special Agent in Charge

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cc Chicago  
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SAC ST. PAUL

*Edw. J. Brennan*

PHONE BREVID SEND AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY DATES OF NOV ESE  
RETURNS ON ALL SUBJECTS NAMED IN INDICTMENTS RETURNED ON MAY FOUR  
NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR AND ON JANUARY TWENTY SECOND NINETEEN THIRTY  
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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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FBI CINCINNATI 9-25-36 10:05 AM MOR

SAC CLEVELAND

PHONE. BREKID. RETEL SEPTEMBER TWENTY SECOND HUDSON COUPE MOTOR

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ST. PAUL DISPATCH

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## MOB ESCAPES AS COPS DALLY, DRIFT OF QUIZ

Ousted Sleuth Tells of Hand-  
ing Shells to Sawyer Leav-  
ing Chief's Office.

### BARKER-KARPIS GANG 'HIDEOUT' DESCRIBED

Thomas A. Brown, former police chief was linked today with two al-  
leged tip-offs of impending raids on  
former "hideouts" of the Barker-  
Karpis kidnap gang.

It was done in testimony which  
Edna "Rabbit" Murray, "kissing  
bandit" and Fred Raasch, ousted  
St. Paul detective, gave today in  
the hearing on the ouster of Brown  
as a detective. Miss Murray's testi-  
mony was in the form of a deposi-  
tion.

#### RAASCH TESTIFIES.

Raasch, convicted of malfeasance  
in office and at liberty on \$1,000  
bond pending appeal of his case,  
testified he was delayed more than  
three hours at the police station the  
morning of April 25, 1932, before  
he was ordered to "raid" a residence  
at 1031 South Robert street, St. Paul.  
The mobsters had fled the "hideout"  
he reported to Chief Brown, and  
brought back a number of shotgun  
shells which he gave to Harry Saw-  
yer, whom he met outside Brown's  
office, Raasch testified.

Raasch described how he was de-  
tained at police headquarters before  
he was told to accompany a West  
St. Paul resident, Nick Henegraf,  
to the West St. Paul address for the  
raid.

"Harry Sawyer said to me, 'Do  
you know what I want these shells  
for?'" Raasch testified. "I said,  
'No, I suppose they're for a gun  
you have.' He then said that he  
wanted to give these people their  
stuff back and to show them he  
was all right."

Sawyer is serving a life term in  
Alcatraz prison for participation in  
the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward  
G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, on  
January 17, 1934. The city charges  
that Brown betrayed police secrets  
to the Barker-Karpis mob during  
the period Bremer and William  
Hamm, kidnaped June 15, 1933,  
were being held by the Barker-  
Karpis kidnap mob. A statutory  
board of appeals is hearing the  
case.

#### TIP TO MOB ALLEGED.

The city today attempted to show  
that after Henegraf, now dead,  
came to Brown's office with a "tip"  
that Alvin Karpis, former No. 1  
public enemy, and one of the no-  
torious Barker brothers, inhabited  
the West St. Paul residence, the  
former police chief was responsible  
for information being relayed to

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the gangsters to flee the house. The  
city alleges that Brown relayed in-  
formation of police maneuvers to  
Sawyer and that he in turn "tipped  
off" members of his gang.

#### SERVING 25-YEAR TERM.

Miss Murray, serving a 25-year  
term in state prison at Jefferson  
City, Mo., related in her deposition  
a "tip" she received from Fred  
Rarger, now dead, that Brown had  
warned Sawyer that a raid was  
contemplated on a person in the  
Edgumbe apartments, Lexington  
avenue and Osceola street.

The deposition of Miss Murray  
relates contacts with Harry Saw-  
yer and members of the Barker-  
Karpis gang during the last half  
of 1933 at two of which Brown was  
present.

During one of the meetings, at  
the rear of Sawyer's saloon on Wa-  
basha street, George (Baby Face)  
Nelson, Dillinger gangster, drove  
up as Brown talked with Sawyer,  
according to Miss Murray.

In December, 1933, Miss Murray  
said in her disposition, she and  
Volney Davis returned to St. Paul  
from Reno, Nev., with other mem-  
bers of the gang. She and Davis  
took an apartment in the Edg-  
cumbe apartments, Osceola and  
Lexington avenues. It was at that  
apartment, she testified, that the  
tip-off regarding the raid was given  
by Brown to Sawyer. She had  
been asked if she spent any nights  
away from the apartment, and re-  
plied she had spent one away.  
Asked regarding the circumstan-  
ces, she said.

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"Fred Barker came to my apartment about 6 o'clock in the evening and he was alone. Him and Harry Campbell. He told me a few things and I said I should get out of the apartment for that night, they are coming out to raid somebody in the building, so I left. I will repeat it as he said it. He said that Brown called Sawyer or went out to Sawyer's and asked Sawyer if it was any of his gang living in the Edgcombe apartments, and if it was he better have them get out because they are coming out to investigate a man that lived in the building."

Lewis L. Anderson, counsel for Brown, vigorously protested the line of questioning by Hilary J. Flynn, assistant city corporation counsel, but defense objections were repeatedly overruled. Brown was not present this morning during the hearing, which is before a statutory board.

Flynn questioned Raasch:

Q. Did you have a conversation with Henegraf the morning of April 25, 1932?

A. Yes.

Q. Was it with reference to police work?

A. Yes. He showed me a detective magazine with a picture of

Karpis and one of the Barkers. Henegraf said he had been at the station quite a while to get some one to go over to that house. He said the house next door to him was occupied by Karpis and Barker. He said at first he thought they were musicians because they were carrying violin cases. He said after seeing their pictures in the magazine and that they were wanted for murder in Missouri he decided to go to police.

Q. Was there any further conversation?

TALKED TO CRUMLEY.

A. Henegraf wanted to know if I would go. I said I would go if the boss told me to go. I went in and talked to Jim Crumley ( ousted detective inspector). We then went up to the showup room, Crumley and I. We stayed there about 20 minutes.

Q. What happened then?

A. Crumley did not go right down. I stopped to talk to this fellow.

Q. How long were you down there before anything else happened?

A. About fifteen minutes later the telephone rang. He called Nick Henegraf in. He then came out and said his mother called and said those people who had rented the home were moving. We stood around and talked. He was excited. Then Brown came down.

Q. How long afterward did Tom Brown come in?

A. About fifteen minutes afterward.

Q. What happened when Brown came in?

A. I took Henegraf in and told him Brown was chief. I walked away because I figured I would get hell from Brown if I stayed around. I was standing just outside Brown's door when Brown came out and said: "You better get away from that guy." I then went upstairs and stayed until about 11 o'clock. Crumley came down and said he wanted me to go to the West Side. He told me to take a partner along. I could not find my partner so I had to broadcast over the loudspeaker in the building. We took a police car and when we got there at the West St. Paul address we accidentally met the chief of police of West St. Paul. He asked us if we would go to the house.

Q. What did you find at the house?

RADIO STILL PLAYING.

A. The doors were open. The radio was still playing. There were coats, hats, shoes and shotgun shells—about seven, eight or nine shells. I put them in my pocket. After we looked around we left the West St. Paul chief there and went back to the police station. I told it to Crumley. He said: "You better tell it to the chief." As I came into an ante-room Sawyer came walking out of Brown's office. Harry Sawyer then asked me if I had been down there and remarked, "It was clean, wasn't it?" I told him the parties were gone. I took out the box of

shells and he said "give me those shells." I gave them to him and then he said, "Do you know what I want these for?" I said, "No, I suppose you have a gun." He said, "No, I want to give these people their stuff back to show them we are all right." I went into Brown's office. I told him there was no one there. He mumbled "all right" and I walked out.

Q. Did you see Sawyer coming out of Brown's office?

A. Yes.

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## BROWN HEARING

**CITY ATTY. JOHN CONNOLLY** and his assistants have done a good job of probing into the financial transactions of Thomas A. Brown, dismissed detective.

His admission under their questioning that he exchanged a \$1,000 bill in a St. Paul bank in 1933 or 1934; that he made loans of \$3,300 and \$750 (the latter to Thomas E. Dahill, former chief); that he turned in \$900 in gold for currency under the gold-hording order; that he made various small loans of from \$100 to \$500 to individuals; and that he used three safety deposit boxes is likely to be regarded as the most damaging evidence yet submitted to the civil service board.

This is especially true in view of Brown's admission that save for the two years he was chief, his salary as a member of the force never exceeded \$178 a month. He may, of course, have an explanation for this comparative affluence but it will have to be convincing to offset the unfavorable impression.

In Brown's favor it must be admitted that most of the evidence against him has come from men who take little trouble to conceal their personal animosity. These include former Chief Dahill, James P. Crumley, ousted inspector, and Fred Raasch, ousted detective.

Inasmuch as the hearing is before a civil court, the city's case would be strengthened, it seems to us, if there was less resort to technical objections to the admission of testimony, even though this testimony might be favorable to Brown.

The real purpose of the civil service hearing is to determine Brown's fitness or unfitness to be a police officer. The board's hearing, we believe, should be more in the nature of a fact-finding body than a highly technical court of law.

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Mr. Baughman	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Droney	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
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1130 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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September 25, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your telegraphic request of September 22, 1936, and confirming teletype from the Cincinnati Office on this date relative to Buick Coupe, Motor #69021, serial #546629 which was sold to Harry Campbell under the name of Charles Miller on September 18, 1935, by the Maning Marine Company at Youngstown, Ohio, I wish to advise that Special Agent J. A. Cimperman of this office has inspected the files of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, and finds that the instant automobile was registered in 1935 under license H-85-3 in the name of Charles Miller, 6604 Pearl Street, Youngstown, Ohio. This license was issued September 17, 1935, and the application indicates that this was the date of the purchase of the car, as a new car. The Bill of Sale filed on this transaction is indicated as being Mahoning County, Youngstown, Ohio, #390144.

The records for 1936 indicate that this same car was registered under license J-64-B in the name of Mrs. Evelyn McKay, 1120 Victor Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, Bill of Sale file, Mahoning County, Youngstown, Ohio, #406764. The application indicates this car was purchased by Mrs. McKay on March 17, 1936.

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Very truly yours,

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R. J. CONNELLEY, Special Agent in Charge.

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501 Healey Building,  
Atlanta, Georgia,  
September 25, 1936.

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Mr. W. L. Joiner, Director,  
Motor Vehicle License Bureau,  
109 State Capitol Building,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID.

Please examine your records and advise me if there is registered in the State of Georgia, a 1933 Ford Deluxe Coupe, motor #18-1615253.

In the event that this car is found to be registered with the Bureau it would be appreciated if you will furnish complete data as to the registration of same. If no registration is found, kindly place a stop notice against the car in order that this office may be notified if it is registered at any time in the future.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this and past instances,

I am

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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## CRUMLEY TALKS BARRED FROM BROWN DEFENSE

Board Rules Out Attempt to  
Link Ousted Sleuth With  
Karpis Tipoff.

ALCORN AND W. ST. PAUL  
POLICE CHIEF TESTIFY

Climaxing a heated legal argument, defense attempts to link James P. Crumley, ousted detective, with the tipoff of Barker-Karpis gangsters at 1031 South Robert street in April, 1932, were balked by a ruling of the statutory board of appeals sitting in the Thomas A. Brown dismissal hearing Wednesday.

The city claims it was Brown, then chief of police, who informed Freddie Barker and Alvin Karpis of an impending raid on their "hide-out" on South Robert street, but Lewis L. Anderson, Brown's counsel, fought vainly to write into the records an alleged conversation between Crumley and Truman Alcorn, former South St. Paul police chief.

Arguing he was entitled to have Alcorn, who was on the stand at the time, repeat his alleged conversations with Crumley, Anderson emphatically declared:

"I propose to show that Mr. Crumley at 2 o'clock the afternoon of April 25, 1932, called this witness (Alcorn) and said: 'Some friends have been chased out of that place. They have been forced out. Will you please go out and see if you can recover for me some stuff they left?' At 4 o'clock he again called the same witness and asked him if he got it."

### CONNOLLY OBJECTS

John L. Connolly, city corporation council, fighting to prevent any such conversation going into the record, asserted: "I don't know the purpose of this testimony except an attempt on the part of Mr. Anderson to impeach the testimony of Mr. Crumley. Before any impeaching testimony is competent, the defense first must lay a foundation. This is entirely hearsay. We can go on, I suppose, indefinitely, with this type of testimony if it is permitted."

Anderson broke into the argument and declared, "Crumley is one of the ace witnesses for the city. He has made certain statements relative to this matter. I am asking for a conversation between the same individuals for the same date. I submit we have a right to ask this witness what he did and with whom he talked on that day and that the offer of proof I have made qualifies that conversation. The fact remains that this man's testimony will show, I believe, whose friends they were in this West Side home."

### QUIZZED ON CALLS

Alcorn was South St. Paul police chief at the time of the alleged conversations with Crumley. Frustrated in attempts to have Alcorn repeat the conversations, Anderson turned to questions about the telephone calls.

Alcorn said that after receiving one of the telephone calls from Crumley he went to West St. Paul, saw Paul Brown, West St. Paul police chief, and that both of the "went up to this house where these people were supposed to have gotten out."

Anderson persisted in his attempts to have Alcorn tell of the telephone calls with Crumley.

"Mr. Connolly," he said, "has made every effort to point the finger at Mr. Brown. We want to paint an accurate picture of who actually was the interested party."

Anderson repeated his offer of proof but the board sustained Connolly's objections. Alcorn was withdrawn from the stand by Anderson.

Paul Brown, police chief of West St. Paul on April 25, 1932, when the occupants fled the South Robert

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street home, preceded Alcorn on the witness stand. He testified Fred Hennegraf, now dead, was intoxicated the three times he came to the witness home, the morning of April 25, with information he believed Karpis and Barker were living at 1031 South Robert street.

Brown testified that while driving his automobile toward St. Paul he met Detective Fred Raasch, now ousted for malfeasance in office, and Detective James Brennan.

"Raasch said to me, 'What are you all excited about?' Brown testified. He said the boys had left and that everything would be all right. He said it was all taken care of and suggested, 'Let's go up there'."

Brown added that when they came to the South Robert street home, "we went up stairs. I guess Fred Raasch picked up a box of cartridges. I said leave them there. He took them and said he would have to take them to headquarters."

Thomas C. McMahon, detective lieutenant in charge of the loop district, corroborated Thomas Brown's testimony that the latter was home the night of June 12, 1933. The city claims that this night Brown was contacted by members of the Hamm kidnaping mob then living at a Bald Eagle lake cottage.

McMahon said he visited Brown at the latter's home on the night in question, and that three other friends, William F. Henselin, one "Rudy", and Edna Benson also were there. McMahon identified copies of invoice for groceries he purchased for Brown in May, 1934, for a project, summer vacation, and the copies were placed in evidence.

A person asked McMahon about conversation with Raasch since the latter was dead. McMahon asserted Raasch made statements to him about "Brown and Kinhead" (M. F. Kinhead, Ramsey county attorney) on three occasions. "He referred to them as double-crossing — — and he'd get even with them", the witness continued.

"He went on to state all the work he did for Mike Kinhead on the West Side, distributing cards in his campaign and he'd never do it again."

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Raasch is appealing his malfeasance conviction. He is under a six-month workhouse sentence. Kinhead prosecuted the case. McMahon said Raasch "had been drinking all three times" he made the statements.

McMahon testified he considers Brown "a particular friend", and added, "I don't think I have an enemy on the force unless I made them today".

Fred Strong, city editor of the St. Paul Daily News, the next witness, said: "I would like to make a statement which I believe has a direct bearing on this case. I would like to read it as I wrote it very painstakingly".

An argument ensued between Connolly and Anderson over whether Strong should be permitted to read the statement.

Both said they had not seen the statement and did not know what was in it. When Anderson asked Strong, "Did anyone try to dissuade you from testifying here?" and "Did anybody try to dissuade you from telling the truth here?" Strong replied, "The answer is in the statement".

Connolly repeated objections to reading the statement. Strong said: "It concerns an intimidation, if it pleases the board. I think the board should hear it".

Walter Ryan, attorney member of the board, asked Strong, "Are you afraid to testify?" Strong replied, "I am not afraid, despite the attempted intimidation. I will not be influenced".

The board did not permit Strong to read the statement and Strong protested. Questioned by Anderson, Strong then identified copies of the

Daily News at the time of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Strong testified information in one story, January 22, 1934, was not received from Brown. The article concerns the delivery of ransom notes at the home of the late Dr. H. T. Nippert, 706 Lincoln avenue. One of the ouster charges against Brown is that he gave the information, then confidential, to the newspaper.

The witness said he told Thomas Dahill, then police chief, and Brown he could not reveal the source of the story. He said Brown berated him for it. Asked by Anderson "Are you a friend of Mr. Brown?" Strong responded, "Certainly. I've known him a great many years."

As the hearing adjourned until 9 A. M. today, Strong refused to reveal the contents of the "intimidation" statement to anyone.

"I know nothing of this purported intimidation," Connolly told the Pioneer Press. "If Mr. Strong has such knowledge it is his duty to give it to the proper authorities; the police, our office, or the county attorney. He refused to give it to our office at my request."

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

404 New York Building

Saint Paul, Minnesota

September 25, 1936

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Shortly after William Bryan Bolton was sentenced in connection with this case, he was interviewed at the Ramsey County Jail by Special Agent John V. Anderson of this office, at which time he advised that the only information he had concerning the St. Valentine's Day massacre was that which he secured from George Goetz during his association with him, and that this information was given him, Bolton, by Goetz over a period of several years.

Bolton stated the following individuals were involved in the St. Valentine's Day massacre, that is, the actual slaying: George Goetz, Fred Burke, Gus Winkler, Ray Nugent, and one Conroy. Bolton was not positive as to the last individual, but stated that he believed that this was his correct name, but that he may also have been known as Kouberry. He advised that Conroy was killed in New York with his wife in 1935.

He advised that Jimmie McCrussen, probably dead, and "Jimmie the Swede", whose last name is probably Moran, occupied the building across the street or on the corner from the situs of this crime. Bolton advised that Johnny Moore, Tony Capizio, and an individual known as Shocker, were reported to have burned the car somewhere on the North Side of Chicago in this case; that George Goetz told him that there was no one wearing a police uniform, and that this was just newspaper talk. Bolton advised that the story concerning a medicine bottle traced to him in connection with this massacre was not true; that it was just a newspaper story.

Bolton advised that he did not change his name to Monty Carter for any reason connected with the St.

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Valentine's Day massacre; that he changed his name prior to the commission of this crime because Goetz left some bills with his name thereon in an express company holdup in Toledo prior to the St. Valentine's Day massacre; that the police had come to his home, that is, 3201 South 53rd Avenue, Cicero, Illinois, in connection with the express holdup. Bolton denied that he had any connection whatsoever with this particular crime.

Bolton advised that he also received information from Goetz that Charlie Umbergio is the head of the Union Sicilian in the United States, which is in reality the Black Handers, or Mafia.

During the above interview Bolton advised that the syndicate in Chicago still operates as extensively as ever; that the four individuals who control this organization are Capone, who is still the leader of same; Nitti, who is the collector; Cusick, the business manager, and John Patton, Mayor of Berwyn, who has the political connections. He advised that these four men split 20% each of the total receipts of the syndicate.

Bolton related that the following are still members of the syndicate: "Jimmy the Swede", Tony Capizio, John Moore, Phil D'Andrea, Frank Diamond, a Dago by the name of "Banjo", Charlie Vichetti, a Dago by the name of Paul, Louis Campagna, Sam Hunt, and Charlie Umbergio. Bolton at this time could not remember the remaining members of the syndicate, but advised that there were twenty in all who split the remaining 20% of the earnings of the syndicate. Bolton stated that the Italian and Sicilian element in the syndicate are gradually eliminating the non-Italian and non-Sicilian members.

Very truly yours,

*C. W. Stein*

C. W. STEIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Cleveland



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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October 6, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The Bureau is in receipt of the attached letter dated September 25, 1936 from the St. Paul office, advising that subsequent to the sentence of Bryan Bolton recently, he informed Agent J. V. Anderson of certain details of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, claiming that this was all of the information which he possessed about this occurrence. The information furnished differs slightly from information previously obtained from him but for the most part names the same individuals as mentioned in his previous interview. Do you desire that we turn over to the Department or forward direct to the State authorities the information obtained in the last interview? This information was received of course subsequent to the sentence of Bolton a few weeks ago and consequently, we cannot be subject to any criticism for withholding the information.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Mr. Tamm	✓
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## Magee Puts New Light On Release

**Brown Case Witness Interceded For Weaver, Colton; Bremer Wish-  
ed To Keep Sawyer Trade.**

Details of the release during the Dahill police administration of two notorious gunmen—one of whom later was convicted of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping—were revealed today at the ouster appeal hearing of Thomas A. Brown, police detective.

L. L. Anderson, counsel for Brown, drew forth testimony over the strenuous objections of John L. Connolly, city attorney, that William Weaver and J. E. Colton had been enabled to gain their freedom on bonds on gun-toting charges when a St. Paul business man, close friend of the Bremer family, interceded for them.

Walter W. Magee, the witness, testified he did this on the request of Adolf Bremer, father of Edward G. Bremer, acting at the instigation of Harry Sawyer, who later was convicted as fingerman in the Bremer kidnaping.

### Nabbed At Sawyers.

Weaver and Colton, and two others, had been arrested at Sawyer's notorious Wabasha st. bootleg parlor Aug. 3, 1932.

The elder Mr. Bremer, Mr. Magee testified, asked him to intercede for the arrested men because "Harry Sawyer is a customer of ours, and anything than can be done for them will be appreciated." As result of this, the two gunmen were sent to court, freed on \$500 bonds, and disappeared. Weaver was a member of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Mr. Magee, prominent contractor, was contact man in the Bremer kidnaping, and delivered the \$200,000 ransom which the abductors demanded for release of their prisoner.

### Dahill Not Questioned.

Before Mr. Magee was returned to the stand Mr. Anderson had sought to question Thomas A. Dahill, former chief of police now resigned from the police force, who appeared earlier in the hearing as a city witness. The effort was dropped when it was pointed out that Mr. Dahill could be returned only as a defense witness.

Mr. Brown is appealing from his ouster, ordered on charges that he was implicated in the kidnappings of both Mr. Bremer and William Hamm, Jr.

Mr. Dahill, former police chief

under whose administration the gunmen obtained their freedom, has been one of the city's principal witnesses against Brown. Mr. Dahill has retired from the police force, and now operates a cafe and saloon.

### Quotes Late Governor.

The name of the late Gov. Olson was brought into the hearing when Mr. Magee testified that it was the governor, a close friend of Adolf Bremer, who suggested that the parents indicate to the kidnapers they were willing to pay half of the \$200,000 ransom and by tearing an NRA sign in half as a signal.

Except for the reference to the released gunmen, Mr. Magee's testimony today, which was a resumption of his cross-examination, concerned preparations for payment of the ransom.

Before adjournment for noon Mr. Anderson began the entering of a long list of motions to strike from the records testimony which he termed unusable because of its hearsay nature.

### Meeting At Ryan.

Continued cross-examination of Mr. Magee by Mr. Anderson:

Q. The first man you contacted after getting the first ransom note in the Bremer kidnaping was Chief Dahill.

A. Yes. There was a meeting at the Ryan hotel and during the meeting the newspapers were told of the events.

Q. The next notes you received were those thrown through Dr. Nippert's (the late Dr. H. T. Nippert, friend of the Bremers) home?

A. Yes.

Q. When was Mr. Dahill told about this?

A. I don't know exactly, but I think it was the following Monday.

Q. Who was there when you got the notes?

A. Adolf Bremer, Dr. Nippert, Newcomb (Clarence Newcomb, brewery official) and myself.

Q. Do you know if anyone was told before Dahill knew about it?

### Suggested By Olson.

A. Gov. Olson was told about it when he visited Adolf Bremer. It

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was Olson who suggested cutting the NRA signs in half to show that they were willing to pay half the \$200,000 ransom.

Q. Were you with Mr. Dahill when he was informed of the notes Monday (Jan. 22)?

A. I don't recall, but I think I was.

Q. Was that the first meeting since the newspapers published the story of the notes?

A. Yes.

Mr. Magee then told of meeting with Mr. Newcomb and Adolf Bremer at the latter's home, where the note was read. Mr. Bremer, he said, wanted to go to Ft. Dodge to contact the kidnapers and seek reduction in the ransom demand.

Q. (Resumed by Mr. Anderson) Then as far as you know only three persons knew of the note?

A. Yes.

Worried By Blood Spots.

Q. You and Dahill testified that Dahill wrote a note, at the Ryan hotel, that you were to deliver?

A. Yes. I don't know who wrote it. I was to copy it and deliver it in a package of papers—and have it delivered. It said that the condition of the Bremer car (in which blood was found) had worried us.

Q. Did you tell any one about it?

A. No.

Q. Did you copy it?

A. Yes. That evening at the Ryan hotel.

Q. You had it your possession?

A. No. I copied it and Mr. Tierney brought a box and it was packed. The next day the package was brought to my home.

Q. Who had possession of the original copy, from which you copied?

A. The officers. It was brought in, I think by Chief Dahill. I then copied it.

Earlier testimony in the hearing by the city attempted to show that Mr. Magee and the Bremers were worried about the condition of the kidnaped man. The note was not delivered to the kidnapers, instead a note in the kidnaped man's handwriting was delivered to Mr. Magee. The city contends this proves a leak in police plans.

Details Not Discussed.

Mr. Magee specifically pointed out that he did not discuss details of the negotiations with persons not in the investigation.

Q. After the first note was received, all subsequent notes were either kept by you or given to federal agents?

A. That's right.

Q. And aside from telling Chief Dahill something about the Nippert notes, you didn't give anyone any information?

A. No.

Questioned by Mr. Connolly, Mr. Magee showed surprise when asked: "Do you know of your own knowledge who directed a man of the federal bureau of investigation to ride on that bus (after the Nippert note was received) to Iowa after you decided not to go?"

A. I do not.

He had previously testified that the suggestion for taking the bus trip had been kept secret.

Fair, Cooler.

Generally fair weather is predicted for St. Paul area today with cooler for Tuesday. The highest temperature Sunday was 79 at 4 p. m.

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1308 Masonic Temple Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
September 25, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

There are attached hereto two photographs  
in the above entitled case.

These photographs were charged to Special  
Agent John E. Lunsford when he was in the Birmingham  
Bureau office.

Very truly yours,

L. Tollett, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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**Toledo Favorite Hideout  
 of Outlaws, Police Say**

Toledo.—Police believe Toledo is on the criminals' main highway across the country, and officials say they are going to do something about it. Strategically located from the gangster's point of view on a line between New York and Kansas City, Toledo has made a good hideout for fugitive criminals, Harry Manson, city detective on special assignments, points out.

John Dillinger and his machine gunners lived in Toledo three weeks in January, 1933, Manson said he had learned. At various times in pre-repeal days, Detroit's Purple Gang, the Touhy mob of Chicago and Al Capone's henchmen slipped into Toledo hideouts, he added.

The police system, not the police, are to blame for Toledo's reputation as an underworld hideout, police officials here agree. Records are antiquated, they declare, and local patrolmen are not provided with photographs of criminals.

Between New York and Kansas City, Manson said, were five stations along the "main stem" of crime—Buffalo, Cleveland, Toledo, Chicago and St. Louis. Although criminals consider Detroit to "hot," that city nevertheless offers a stepping-off place into Canada.

Toledo's new chief of police, Ray Allen, has indicated a determination to cancel all "stop-over tickets" of voyaging criminals. He has pledged fullest co-operation with the county prosecutor's office in investigating criminals and suspicious persons appearing in Toledo. Uniform exchange of data between the key cities along this main highway of criminals, by means of a teletype system, has been suggested by Manson as a step toward closer surveillance of criminal's interstate movements.

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1308 Masonic Temple Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
September 25, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Attached are photographs of William E. Meade,  
William J. Harrison, and Joseph P. Moran.

These photographs were changed to Special Agent  
John E. Lunsford when he was working in the Atlanta Bureau  
office. They are being returned for your file.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Tollett, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# GANG WOMAN SAYS BROWN GAVE

## KIDNAPERS TOLD TO SKIP RANSOM DATE, SHE AVERS

Edna Murray Declares Sawyer  
Warned Mob When Time-  
Lock Held \$200,000.

### MRS. SAWYER'S STORY WILL BE HEARD TODAY

Advice not to keep an appointment to collect ransom money was given abductors of Edward G. Bremer by Detective Thomas A. Brown and Harry Sawyer, convicted kidnaper, it was testified here Monday.

The testimony, contained in a deposition obtained from Edna (Rabbits) Murray, gangster woman, was read at the statutory board hearing on the appeal of Brown, a former chief, from his dismissal from the St. Paul police force.

John L. Connolly, city corporation counsel, announced that the city probably will complete Wednesday its case against Brown, who is accused of aiding the kidnapers of both Mr. Bremer and William Hamm Jr.

Obtained under oath last week at the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, where Mrs. Murray is serving a sentence, her deposition stated that the two men warned Mr. Bremer's abductors not to keep the appointment because the kidnap money could not be delivered.

#### MONEY IN VAULT.

The gang, Mrs. Murray said, made the appointment in a ransom note. However, the note was delivered so late that the Bremer family was unable to get the \$200,000 ransom from a bank vault closed by a time lock. The "tip-off" followed, according to Mrs. Murray, member of the Barker-Karpis gang.

A feature of her deposition was that John Dillinger, John Hamilton, and Homer Van Meter took refuge in the apartment she and Volney Davis occupied at Aurora, Ill., after the three desperadoes fled from Little Bohemia, Wis., to St. Paul and then to Chicago. Mrs. Murray testified by deposition that Hamilton, shot in flight by a Dakota county deputy sheriff as the trio approached St. Paul, died in her Aurora apartment. She was not present, she said, having been sent away previously by Davis, who was a member of the Barker-Karpis mob and is now serving life for the Bremer kidnaping.

## TIP-OFF

#### FIRST DILLINGER LINK.

This was the first time in court proceedings here that the Dillinger gang and the Barker-Karpis gang have been linked. It has been previously brought out that both frequented the saloon in St. Paul of Harry Sawyer. Sawyer is now serving a life sentence as the "finger man" in the Bremer case.

Mrs. Murray also referred to the \$30,000 payroll robbery in South St. Paul on August 30, 1933, in which she intimated members of the Barker-Karpis gang took part. She also mentioned a shooting affray outside Chicago when kidnapers came to collect ransom for John (Jake the Barber) Factor. At that time the kidnapers fought a gun battle with several hundred officers who were "planted" to capture them at the payoff, and escaped.

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September 23, 1936.

Mr. Archie ~~McGowan~~,  
Pen. #48925,  
P. O. Box 1733,  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 13, 1936, in which you request the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in securing you a parole. I regret to advise you that the matter of paroles to Federal prisoners is not within the purview of this Bureau. Such matters are within the sole jurisdiction of the Parole Board of the Bureau of Prisons, United States Department of Justice.

Very truly yours,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER,  
Director.

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Mr. Tracy  
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Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
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Mr. Nease  
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that their records disclosed an Avenue Company as being incorporated in Cleveland, Ohio, having filed their Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State on 5-6-05. An examination of these Articles by Agent disclosed that same listed the following men as incorporators:

Willard H. Mason  
H. Weed  
Charles B. Miller  
Louis B. Spooner  
Albert William Rothenberg  
B. S. Hubbell, Agent.

New Articles of Incorporation were filed on 12-22-34 by Mr. Paul W. Frum, Dwight B. Buss, Murray Hanson, as incorporators for the purpose of transacting a Real Estate Business, under articles No. 161405. The articles recite that the number of shares authorized to be outstanding are 2000, without nominal or par value, and that the amount of Capital to begin business is \$500.00.

On same date, 12-22-34, there was filed a certificate appointing Benjamin S. Hubbell, Jr., 4500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, as agent, upon whom processes and tax notices may be served. The articles failed to note any other pertinent information.

Miss M. VanDeusen, Assistant, Department of Finance Corporation Franchise Tax Office, State Building, S. Front Street, stated that their records failed to disclose an Avenue Catering Company as paying a corporation franchise tax. She stated, however, that their records did disclose an Avenue Company, 4500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, as being incorporated on 5-6-05, but that the franchise on this company automatically expired on 7-11-34 for non-payment of the 1934 tax. She further advised that on 12-22-34 this same company took out a new charter.

Agent also examined the 1935 Annual Report (198) of this company which was made out by B. S. Hubbell, Jr., on 3-14-36, and same listed the following men as Officers and Directors:

President -	Benjamin S. Hubbell, Jr., 4500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland
Secretary	Ben S. Hubbell
Treasurer	Ben S. Hubbell.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

B. S. Hubbell, Jr., 4500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.  
B. S. Hubbell, 4500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Gustave Schneider, 1865 Belmore Road, East, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Virginia Hubbell, 4500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Annual Report also disclosed that the nature of business was Real Estate and that it had the following stock issued and outstanding;

a. Common, 1674 shares, par value total,	\$167,400.00
b. Surplus	20,639.25
c. Reserves	4,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$192,539.25</b>

Gross Book value of all property used and owned in Ohio	519,140.02
Amount of Liabilities	331,100.77
Assessed Value of Real Estate (1-1-36)	252,920.00
Amount of Ohio business done during 1935	32,261.31

The stock value on which the tax is to be based was set at \$192,539.00. The total amount of the tax was \$192.54.

Miss Frances Aber, Tax Collector's office, Treasurer's Department, State Capitol Building, stated that their records (Recordak) disclosed that the above amount of \$192.54 was paid by check dated 7-7-36 by Ben S. Hubbell, Jr., check no. 9125 of the Avenue Company, drawn on The Cleveland Trust Company East End Office.

With respect to the license information requested by the second letter of reference, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, advises that 1936 Ohio License AZ 849 was issued to G. Lebat, Sprague Road, Berea, for a 1927 Chevrolet landau, Motor #2421396, serial #1AA 59509. License TS 16 was issued to Dorothy H. Smith, 13314 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, for a 1935 Chevrolet Coupe, Motor #5161072, serial 12KA 08-30490.

License AS 584 is not yet recorded at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, but was issued by Deputy William E. ana, Cleveland Auto Club, Cleveland, Ohio.

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## LAWYERS QUIZ NEWSPAPER MEN ON KIDNAP TIPS

Associated Press Reporter De-  
nies Brown Was Source of  
Information.

### VERBAL BATTLE FLARES TO NEAR FIST FIGHT

The defense in the Thomas A. Brown ouster hearing before a statutory board of appeals sought today to prove that Brown did not give confidential information to daily newspapers on police secrets in the William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer kidnappings.

The session was enlivened by sharp verbal exchanges and a near fist fight.

Brown was ousted as a detective principally on charges he aided the kidnapers. One of the dismissal accusations is he informed a newspaper that ransom notes had been delivered in a bottle at the home of the late H. T. Nippert, 706 Lincoln avenue.

The first witness today was Jack Mackay, member of the Associated Press staff in St. Paul. Questioned by L. L. Anderson, Brown's attorney, Mackay testified he received information June 17, 1933, that W. Dunn, ransom negotiator in the Hamm abduction, was leaving with the ransom payment.

He said neither Brown nor any other police officer gave him the information on Dunn's trip.

Mackay testified he knew about the Nippert ransom note story two hours before it appeared in the St. Paul Daily News January 22 and that he did not receive this information from Brown.

Mackay said he learned on the night of January 18, 1934, that blood had been found in the automobile from which Bremer had been kidnaped, and that he did not receive this information from Brown.

Under cross-examination, Mackay said he did not disclose any of the information in his possession to Harry Sawyer or John P. Pfeiffer, members of the kidnap mob.

Fred H. Strong, city editor of the Daily News, was recalled as a defense witness. He identified a story in the Daily News in which Charles Tierney, then inspector of detectives, discussed the Bremer kidnaping. Anderson said the purpose of offering the newspaper as an exhibit in the case was "to show that Mr. Tierney was not adverse to discussing the kidnaping in the newspapers."

#### "GUILTY OF LACHES."

Strong identified a copy of his paper of February 8, 1934, showing a picture of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, two of the kidnapers. Anderson said the purpose of the testimony was to show that in February, 1934, there was public suspicion that these men were connected with the kidnaping, and "that if Mr. Brown had any connection with giving information, the city is guilty of laches in not proceeding then against Mr. Brown."

Walter Ryan, member of the board of appeals hearing the case, asserted "this board isn't going to consider the question of laches. All we're concerned about is the truth or falsity of the dismissal charges."

Strong identified another issue carrying an article which stated that Tom Brown and Charles Tierney, who then comprised the kidnap squad, intended to make a trip on a truck in an effort to apprehend the kidnapers. Strong related that on the day the article was published, he met Brown on the street, and that Brown said "you're not helping the city any by publishing these pictures," and asked me to "lay off."

#### TWO ANSWERS FORBIDDEN.

Anderson then asked two questions which Strong was not permitted to answer, the board sustaining objections by John L. Connolly, city corporation counsel.

The questions were: "Have you discussed this matter with anyone in the First National Bank building, other than myself?" and "Did you discuss this matter sometime ago with certain persons connected with the First National bank in one of the offices of that bank?"

Anderson then turned to the revocation of "intimidation" made Wednesday by Strong as he took the witness stand and asked to read a prepared statement. Permission

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to read it at the time was refused by the board.

Today Anderson asked, "Have you been approached by any one to try to dissuade you in telling of the happenings at that time?"

Connolly objected vigorously, contending Strong had no right to answer "unless a tieup is shown with the police force or our office."

**OTHER TESTIMONY STRICKEN.**

As the board refused to let Strong tell of the purported "intimidation" Anderson asked to strike from the record that portion of the deposition of Mrs. Harry Sawyer in which she tells that a friend of an Omaha police officer asked her to leave the city so that the deposition could not be taken.

The portion of the testimony then was ordered stricken.

A recess followed in which Connolly and Strong engaged in a vigorous verbal argument on the contents of the "intimidation" statement. As the recess ended, Anderson objected to the board "to the intimidation of this witness by counsel."

As the hearing was resumed, Connolly persisted in his efforts to block the naming of the "intimidator." Anderson repeated his questions and finally Connolly stated, "All right, go ahead."

Strong then named Thomas G. O'Connell, deputy St. Paul commissioner of public safety at the time of the kidnaping as the alleged "intimidator." O'Connell was in the court room when Strong made his statement, which was greeted with laughter.

**INFORMED BY GLECKMAN.**

On cross-examination by Connolly, Strong disclosed he received the information concerning the notes contained in a milk bottle thrown through Dr. Nippert's window from Leon Gleckman, former St. Paul political figure and now serving a term in Leavenworth prison for income tax fraud.

Louis Gollop, Daily News reporter, testified briefly concerning an interview he had with Edna (Rabbits) Murray, the "kissing bandit," who once was a defendant in the kidnaping of Bremer. The defense, through Gollop's testimony, sought to show that Miss Murray had given testimony in conflict with that contained in a deposition obtained from her and read into the records.

A fight nearly resulted at the conclusion of the hearing.

Feeling on both sides ran high

following testimony of alleged "intimidation." As the hearing adjourned, O'Connell approached

Brown. Near Brown stood Strong. What precipitated the altercation has not been revealed, but suddenly

Brown bellowed: "If anybody wants to fight, we'll have a fight." Connolly walked up to Brown and asserted: "You're not going to bluff me, Tom Brown."

"I want it understood there's nobody going to push me around this court room," Brown retorted.

The milling continued but no blows were struck.

WRG:CWY

September 29, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. J. McCLURE,  
CHIEF OF BUREAU.

There are transmitted herewith three vouchers in favor of the  
Karis Drive-It Stations, Toledo, Ohio, in the amounts of \$22.00,  
\$16.10 and \$24.50, which represent payment for the rental of automobiles  
by Special Agents of this Bureau.

You are advised that the rental of these machines was necessitated  
by the investigation being conducted by the Bureau in connection with the  
Bremer Kidnaping Case. It was necessary that certain persons be kept under  
constant surveillance and, there being no Government cars available, the  
rental of these automobiles was essential. This was the cheapest means of  
transportation available for the proper conducting of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Encl. #1021517.

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Mr. Daughman .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
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September 28, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. J. McCLURE,  
GENERAL AGENT.

There are transmitted herewith two vouchers in favor of the  
Hertz Drive-Yourself Stations, Toledo, Ohio, in the amounts of \$24.90  
and \$24.50, which represent payment for the rental of automobiles  
by Special Agents of this Bureau.

You are advised that the rental of these machines was necessitated  
by the investigation being conducted by the Bureau in connection with the  
Bremer Kidnaping Case. It was necessary that certain persons be kept  
under surveillance and, there being no Government cars available, the  
rental of these automobiles was essential. This was the cheapest means of  
transportation available for the proper conducting of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Encl. #1021519.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Cleveland, Ohio</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/26/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/18 to 24/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. V. MURPHY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>EJB</b></span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Ruth Slavin, alias Ruth Fisher, made signed statement that she attended party at Phyllis Crawford's apartment in Toledo, early part of 1934, but was unable to identify photographs of members Barker-Karpis gang as men at this party, or as persons she saw or had dates with at Casino Club in summer of 1934. Detective Harry Manson, Toledo Police Department, states it is rumored that Captain George Timiney has tap on telephone in temporary office at Toledo, and furnished details how such tap could be connected. Interviews with employees where Esther Goulet is employed developed no information of value. Paul "Dutch" Renz, Bay View Golf Course, stated he informed Owen Green and Ray Sheets, Toledo Police Department, in summer of 1934 that he saw on golf course persons he suspicioned were members of Barker-Karpis gang. Harry Hazelbaker, alias "P.K.", bell boy Waldorf Hotel, Toledo, denies visiting Edward McGraw in past three years. Summary of pertinent information from telephone tap logs set out. Telephone tap Fretti brothers' business telephone discontinued 9/24/36. Investigation at 2831 - 131st Street, Point Place, Ohio, and neighbors fails to develop the identity of Toledo police officers who conducted investigation that vicinity about 9/8/34. Toledo Police Department has no record of "Pug" Smith.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 9/19/36.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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DETAILS: AT TOLEDO, OHIO

This report covers the investigative activities of Special Agents A. Dickstein, A. J. Norstrom, H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, who have been engaged on the harboring investigation at Toledo, Ohio.

Special Agent E. J. Dowd has been maintaining a telephone tap on the telephone of the Amusement Games & Novelty Company (Star Vending Company), 514 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, which is the business address of Joe and Ben Fretti, who are prominent in the gambling activities in Toledo. This telephone tap was discontinued on September 24, 1936.

Special Agents R. A. Guerin and A. J. Norstrom have been maintaining the telephone tap on the residence telephone of Maxine Belmont Thomas, 2105 Warren Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, who is prominently engaged in the vice racket in Toledo. Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein relieved Special Agent Norstrom on this assignment on September 19, 1936. On September 21, 1936, Special Agent Norstrom relieved Special Agent Guerin on this assignment, the latter leaving for Detroit, Michigan, to attend court as a witness.

Some of the conversations overheard over the above-mentioned telephone taps, as appear to be significant to this investigation, are being included in this report.

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, September 5, 1936, quoting statement of Ovel Webb, alias Phyllis Crawford, dated September 1, 1936, in which she states she recalls that among the girls who went out on dates with members of the Karpis-Barker gang, mentioned in her statement, was Ruth Fisher, who resides at 1821-1/2 Adams Street.

On September 22, 1936, Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy located Ruth Slavin, alias Ruth Fisher, at 1821-1/2 Adams Street and brought her to the temporary office in Toledo, Ohio, where she was interviewed in detail, and she made the following signed statement, the original of which is being retained in the files of the Cleveland office:

Toledo, Ohio  
September 22, 1936

"I, Ruth Slavin, make the following free and voluntary statement to H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, who I know to be Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I make this statement without any threats or promises having been made to me.

"My name is Ruth Slavin, and I am the wife of N. J. Slavin, whom I married at Monroe, Michigan, March 28, 1930. I am 28 years of age and was born in Monroe, Michigan. My maiden name was Wilhelm. My husband is a musician, plays the banjo, and at present is working with an orchestra in Detroit, Michigan. I have never worked in a house of prostitution, but have answered "call" dates, although never worked out at any "call" house. I use the name of Ruth Fisher in answering "calls". I now reside at 1821-1/2 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio.

In early part of year 1934 my husband and I were living at the Miami Hotel, 10th and Jefferson, Toledo, Ohio. In the early part of the summer of 1934 the date or month I do not recall, but it was warm weather, I received a call from Phyllis Crawford to come to her apartment as she had some friends there. At that time Phyllis had an apartment in the Mayville Apartments, 12th and Jackson, Toledo, Ohio. Shortly before I received the call from Phyllis, my husband left the hotel, stating he was going to town to work, play the banjo, and before he left we had a couple of drinks of beer. My husband does not know that Phyllis asked me to come to her apartment to entertain some of her friends, and I have never told him about it. I went to Phyllis' apartment and there were three or four men and a couple girls besides Phyllis there. I was introduced to them, and their first names were mentioned to me, but I do not recall what they were. Shortly after I arrived at Phyllis' apartment I started drinking with the other at the apartment, and as I was not used to drinking I became sick. I do not recall having entertained any of the men, because I became ill from drinking. Phyllis never gave me any money as payment for answering her "call" to entertain her men friends.

"I have been shown a number of photographs of persons whom I have been informed are Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Dr. Moran, Jimmie Wilson, Doc Barker and Fred Barker, Russell Gibson, alias Slim Gray. I am unable to identify any of them as being the men who were at the apartment of Phyllis Crawford when I went there in summer of 1934. I have been to the Casino Club on Summit Street, Point Place, Ohio, on several occasions during summer of 1934 but do not recall ever having seen any of these men at the Casino Club.

"I do not personally know Captain George Timiney, of the Toledo Police Department, although I have seen his picture in the Toledo newspapers at various times. I have never seen Captain George Timiney at the Casino Club. I do not know Art Langendorf nor Ludy Fleming. I know Ted and Bert Angus, who used to operate the Casino Club on Summit Street, Point Place, Ohio, and who now operate the New Casino Club on Dura Street, Toledo, Ohio, and have seen both of them in the Casino Club on the occasions I have visited that place. I went to the Casino Club only with girl friends, and did not drink with or entertain any men while there. I have never seen Ted and Bert Angus drinking with several men in the Casino Club. I have never been to Middle Island and do not know Joe Roscoe.

"I am acquainted with Jean Bennett, Patsy Kelly, a girl called "Fillie", but do not know her last name or where she lives. I also knew Billy Taylor, but believe she is now married, however, I do not know where she is living. I believe I last saw Billy Taylor in early part of this summer, and at time I saw her she was on Adams Street in Volmers place. I have met these girls at hotels when I answered "call" dates; they were at the party when I arrived at the hotel.

"I have read the foregoing statement, consisting of this and one other page, and same is true and correct to best of my knowledge."

/s/ "RUTH SLAVIN"

"WITNESSES:

J. V. Murphy /s/

H. B. Dill /s/  
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of  
Investigation, U. S. Department of  
Justice, 1442 Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Ruth Slavin was very emphatic in her denial that she had ever visited the Casino Club in the summer of 1934, with any men who resembled the photographs of any of the Karpis-Barker gang. Notwithstanding the fact that she was confronted with that part of the statements of Jean Bennett and Phyllis Crawford relating to her association with the Karpis-Barker gang, Ruth Slavin continued to deny that she was able to identify the photographs of Jimmie Wilson, Dr. Moran, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Russell Gibson, as well as other members of the Karpis-Barker gang, as persons with whom she had ever had "dates" or association with at the Casino Club or elsewhere during the summer of 1934 or at any time.

On September 20, 1936, Kenneth <sup>X</sup>Larson, Motorcycle Officer, Toledo Police Department, informed Special Agent J. V. Murphy that he ascertained from a prostitute informant of his that Billy Taylor, who is referred to in statement of Ovel Webb, alias Phyllis Crawford, report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 5, 1936, was at one time, married to a man named Bill Taylor, but was divorced about five years ago; that Bill Taylor is a baker at the Feldman Bakery, 1905 Canton Street, Toledo, and he may know of the present whereabouts of Billy Taylor. Larson further stated that his informant informed him that Billy Taylor was said to have married a man by the name of "Sandy", and was living in the vicinity of 22nd and Monroe Streets. Larson stated that the Motor Meter Gauge Company, was taken over by the Electric Auto-Lite Company. Larson stated he never heard of a prostitute by the name of "Tillie". Further efforts are being made to locate Billy Taylor and "Tillie" and interview them regarding their association with members of the Karpis-Barker gang at the Casino Club and in Toledo during the summer of 1934.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. Dickstein on September 22, 1936:

Detective Harry Manson of the Toledo Police Department was interviewed at his home 1476 Gould Road, Toledo, Ohio. During the course of this interview he stated that the day Campbell was apprehended, he and two other detectives were instructed by the Prosecutor's office to conduct an investigation in the vicinity where Campbell was apprehended, in an effort to ascertain the names of persons who may have had knowledge of Campbell's true identity. During the course of this neighborhood investigation, Detective Manson had received information that thirty minutes after Campbell was apprehended by Bureau Agents, Esther Goulet called Sheriff Jim O'Reilly from the telephone located in Goulet's Grill and said, "Jim, they got Campbell," and a three minute conversation ensued. As to the source of this information, Detective Manson advised that a young married woman, occupying the apartment directly across from Campbell's was the individual who furnished this information to the police investigators. However, this information was not reported to the Prosecutor's office for the reason that if the telephone call made by Esther Goulet was made of record it would have caused embarrassment to the Sheriff's office.

Efforts will be made to ascertain the names of Sheriff James O'Reilly's ex-sweethearts, who may be able to furnish information pertinent to this investigation. Manson advised further that Esther Goulet was recently employed at the Owens Illinois Glass Co., 1510 North Westwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, and if her co-workers were interviewed it is possible that Esther Goulet may have disclosed her personal affairs to them.

Manson also advised that since Campbell's apprehension Captain George Timiney has been extremely upset; that he has been drinking to excess, and because of this he has lost the respect of most members of the Toledo Police Department and those who work under him. In further reference to Captain Timiney, Manson advised that Timiney has been exerting every effort to obtain details concerning the movements of Bureau Agents at Toledo, Ohio. In this connection Manson stated that it is rumored that "Timiney is in on the line", meaning that he has tapped the telephone which is located at the temporary offices at Toledo, Ohio. Manson advised, however, that this information is not authentic, but the rumors he heard at detective headquarters is to the effect that Timiney was connected on a telephone which enabled him to know what the "G-Men" are doing. Manson states that the attitude of most police officers is in accord with what the Bureau Agents are doing, inasmuch as Timiney is disliked by many.

Agent was very discreet when discussing the manner in which the Toledo Police Department makes its taps on telephones. Manson confidentially advised that the Toledo Police Department does not have the proper equipment for telephone tapping, and that very few men in that department can connect a wire tap properly. For the past few years the police department has obtained the services of the telephone company at Toledo, and because of a close connection between a few members of the police department and officials of the telephone company, a tap on a wire is easily obtainable.

Manson stated that the most likely place that Timiney could get in on the tap would be at the City Manager's office, located in the Safety Building at Toledo, Ohio.

In order to connect a wire tap directly to police headquarters the following procedure would take place: There are a certain number of police call boxes throughout the city. At least one call box is located in the vicinity of each central exchange, for example, Main, Adams, etc. There are two switchboards at police headquarters, one of which is used in calling city and police officials, and the other is connected directly to all police call boxes throughout the city. An officer on duty in the vicinity of a police call box calls headquarters directly by merely raising the receiver. In other words, the police call boxes are connected directly with police headquarters. For example, if the police placed a wire tap on telephone Adams 5000, a police call box is then located nearest this number, which bears the same central exchange. The service of this call box is then temporarily discontinued. Adams 5000 would then be connected with the police call box, and by this procedure the circuit is completed. Once the wire is connected with the call box and then carried to police headquarters, it would then be easy to connect the telephone to a private room in the same building. The connection for the tap would have to be made by the telephone company when jumping the call box wire to Adams 5000.

The aforementioned details were discussed with Manson, in order to obtain for the record what procedure would have to be followed by the police in order to place a tap and then carry the circuit directly to police headquarters. Manson advised that he would make an effort to ascertain the authenticity of the rumor that Timiney had tapped the telephone.

Manson then stated that Joe Roscoe, owner of the 42nd Street Cafe, is walking about with an air of confidence, and does not appear a bit worried about the investigation being conducted by Bureau Agents in connection with Campbell's recent apprehension. Manson advised that in order to check the activities of Roscoe, it would be necessary to

interview Phyllis Crawford, who is alleged to be close to Roscoe. However, a review of the files in this case reflects that Miss Crawford had previously been interviewed by Bureau Agents at which time she furnished a favorable statement. Further discussing Joe Roscoe, Manson advised that the Red Cab Company has the concession at the 42nd Street Cafe, and most calls from that place are handled by the Red Cab drivers. However, from investigation already conducted by Bureau Agents, it was ascertained that Roscoe possesses two of his personally owned cars, and it is not likely that a cab would be used by Roscoe in taking care of his personal matters. If at a later date it becomes necessary, the Red Cab drivers will be contacted and interviewed. It is also reported that Roscoe had recently purchased a Cabin Cruiser motor boat, and this boat is being kept at Middle Island.

Manson informed further that Anna Smith, the lady friend of "Greenie" the taxi driver, is no doubt in possession of pertinent information. Miss Smith was the individual who received all telephone calls for Greenie, while she was employed as hat check girl at the Casino Club, which is operated by Ted and Bert Angus. Anna Smith is presently employed as a waitress at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo. Arrangements are being made to interview Anna Smith in the near future.

George M. Walter, general manager, Owens Illinois Glass Company, Closure Division, 1510 North Westwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed and he furnished the employment record of Esther Goulet. As employee #D 217, Miss Goulet was employed on April 16, 1936, and was assigned to the Metal Cap Manufacturing Department. She worked in this department until May 28, 1936, on which day she was transferred to the Molded Cap Department, and worked in this department until June 17, 1936, at which time she left the employ of the above company. Her reason given was that she was operated on for a goitre. A subsequent investigation conducted by George I. Brown, employment manager, failed to disclose that Miss Goulet was operated on for a goitre. On September 8, 1936, Miss Goulet returned to the employ of the Owens Illinois Glass Company and she remained at her work for one day, when on September 9, 1936, she again left. On this latter date Miss Goulet had a dispute with Mr. Brown, her employment manager, because he declined to give Miss Goulet her pay. Mr. Brown advised Agent that the reason the pay for Miss Goulet was held up was due to a court order served upon their company by The Industrial Finance Company, 215 Spitzer Building, Toledo, Ohio, which order reflects that a garnishment against Miss Goulet's salary had been obtained by that company for a balance of \$70.00 on a note which Miss Goulet had signed. The court order on file with the Owens Glass Company fails to indicate the reason for the loan, or the names of the persons for whom Miss Goulet acted as reference.

With the cooperation and assistance of George H. Walter, general manager, and George I. Brown, employment manager of the Owens Illinois Glass Company, arrangements were made whereby the foreman of the various departments under whom Miss Goulet was employed, were to obtain the names of the girls who had sat at the same bench with Miss Goulet in order that Agent interview each individually for the purpose of obtaining from them any conversation had between them and Miss Goulet, while the latter was employed there.

Pursuant to the above arrangements, Agent conducted interview with numerous employees who have known Esther Goulet, and all of them so interviewed stated that Miss Goulet was tight mouthed, and never mixed with any of the girls at the factory. Furthermore, that the only talk had between them was pertaining to the work in question. Persons interviewed were unable to state whether Miss Goulet was called for by any person after her working hours.

Agent was then advised by Edward H. Johnson, foreman of the Metal Cap Department, that during Miss Goulet's employment he had observed one individual who appeared friendly to Miss Goulet. This lady's name is Aureli Boudrie.

Aureli Boudrie, employee #C 204, residing at 919 Collins Street, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed at the Owens Illinois Glass Company, 1510 North Westwood Avenue, and she advised that while Miss Goulet was employed at the glass company, on three separate occasions Esther came to ask her about the work. Miss Boudrie also stated that even though she does not chum with Miss Goulet, yet she has known her for many years and this due to the fact that Esther Goulet and Miss Boudrie are first cousins.

Miss Boudrie stated that her mother and Fred Goulet are brother and sister and although they were so closely related yet very little was seen of the Goulets. That prior to Esther Goulet's employment at the glass company, Miss Boudrie had not seen Esther for many years, and because of the bad reputation of the Goulets, Miss Boudrie stated that her family had very little to do with them. In view of the relationship of the Goulets and Boudries, agent discussed the family history of the Goulets. On reference being made by agent of Esther Goulet, the daughter of Fred and Catherine, Miss Boudrie advised that Esther Goulet is not the real daughter of the Goulets and when she was a little child, the Goulets adopted her. Miss Boudrie further stated that Esther knows this and the only other persons having knowledge of this fact are her family, the Boudries. Because of Esther's mixing with persons of ill repute, Aurelie Boudrie never had anything to do with her, and, therefore, could not furnish any information of value concerning the Goulets or Esther.



Subsequent to interviewing Miss Boudrie, agent re-contacted Mr. Brown, the employment manager for any further information he might be able to furnish concerning Miss Goulet. In this connection Mr. Brown stated that it is his duty to investigate complaints made by employees at the plant, and when Ester left their employ saying that she was to be operated for a goiter, he conducted an investigation at the home of the Goulets and ascertained that Esther's statements were untrue, and that she was not working, but sitting around the Goulet Grill obviously in good health.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. Dickstein on September 23, 1936.

Lester D. Alexander, Manager of Industrial Finance Company, Room 215 Spitzer Building, Toledo, Ohio, was contacted and he furnished the following information in connection with the judgment that is held by his company against Esther Goulet.

On January 12, 1935, a loan of \$250.00 was made by Esther Goulet on a car which she had purchased. The instant car was a 1933 Pontiac Coach, motor #916990, serial #799619, purchased by Miss Goulet at the Standard Finance Company, 11th and Madison Avenue. The address given at the time of the sale was 2017-1/2 Adams Street, and Miss Goulet gave her occupation as waitress at the Bulldog Cafe, located at Summit and Locust Streets, Toledo. The record of the finance company reflects that at the time of the sale of instant car, Esther Goulet gave as reference - Father Roberdean, St. Johns School, Point Place, and an individual named Remue, no address, who alleged he has known the buyer for fifteen years, and Sheriff James J. O'Reilly was the person who guaranteed Esther's account. On April 1, 1935, a replevin was placed against the car because of non-payment on the installments. On April 12, 1935, Sheriff O'Reilly called Mr. Alexander over the telephone advising him to be lenient with Miss Goulet and return the car which the finance company had taken, to Esther Goulet. On the same day, Mr. Alexander released the car to Miss Goulet upon the guarantee of Sheriff O'Reilly. On July 1, 1935, the instant car was wrecked and on July 9, 1935 the wrecked car was sold for junk by the Industrial Finance Company. The balance due from Esther Goulet at the present time is \$63.22 and for this amount an attachment was made on the salary of Esther Goulet at the Owens Glass Company.

Mr. Alexander stated that he had encountered much difficulty in trying to collect the balance due on Esther Goulet's car from Sheriff O'Reilly. Mr. Alexander furnished agent with a copy of a letter he had sent to Sheriff O'Reilly, who had been showing a great interest in the welfare of Esther Goulet and the contents of this letter are being set out herewith, the copy being retained in the files of the Cleveland office.

Mr. James J. O'Reilly  
Lucas County Court House  
Toledo, Ohio

September 30, 1935

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

On April 12, 1935, in consideration of our returning to Esther Goulet the automobile held by this company as security for a loan, which had been repossessed for non-payment of the said loan, you guaranteed full payment of the account. In July 1935 our security was removed from us by virtue of the automobile being wrecked. Since that time we have been unable to make collection on this account and we, therefore, find it necessary to call upon you to make good your guarantee. The amount of balance is \$124.00, which amount will have to be paid to liquidate the account.

We hope you will not make it difficult for us to collect this amount since we have relied all along on your good faith in this matter.

Very truly yours,  
INDUSTRIAL FINANCE COMPANY

Lester D. Alexander

Mr. Alexander stated that Sheriff O'Reilly had evaded paying the balance due on Esther Goulet's account, and he was compelled to replevin the cash register which was located in the Goulet home in 1935. There is a balance due of \$63.22 which Sheriff O'Reilly declines to pay as the guarantor of Esther Goulet's account.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 19, 1936, pages 42 and 43, wherein is set forth interview with Mr. Ray Sheets, Detective, Toledo Police Department, in which Detective Sheets informed Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy that in the summer of 1934, he, Sheets, received some information from a man by the name of "Dutch" Renz, who is the assistant golf "pro" at the Bay View Golf Course, Point Place, Ohio, to the effect that some of the Barker-Karpis gang were hanging out around the golf course at that time, the summer of 1934.

Mr. Paul "Dutch" Renz, address 1247 Moore Street, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, on September 21, 1936, at the club house of the Bay View Golf Course. He stated that in the early part of the summer of 1934 his suspicions were aroused by the activities of certain men who were seen by him around the golf course; that the reason his suspicions were aroused was because as he, Renz, passed near green number two, a short distance from the Bay View lagoon, he saw a short, stocky man, who was near green number two, and as he, Renz, approached this man, the man put on some colored glasses; that the man appeared to be nervous and seemed to be trying to prevent being recognized. Renz stated that prior to seeing this man near green number two of the golf course, he received several identification orders of the Barker-Karpis mob at the club and caddy house of the Bay View Golf Course from this Bureau; after observing this man on the golf course, Green number 2, and thinking it might be one of the Barker-Karpis mob, he returned to the caddy house and removed the identification orders, which were on display in a show case, because he had heard of the dangerous character of the Barker-Karpis gang and he was afraid some of them would come into the caddy house and see their pictures on the identification orders on display in this place and attempt to do him some harm.

Mr. Renz stated that shortly after he saw this suspicious man on the golf course, he was talking to a friend of his by the name of Russell Simpson about the matter; that Simpson stated to him that he, Simpson, had taken some pictures of the Bay View docks and that he thought he might have some pictures of this mob; that Simpson also told him that some members of the mob had tried to purchase a boat from him, but that they had not completed the deal; that he showed the identification orders of this mob to Simpson, and Simpson stated to him that he believed that they were the same men he had seen around the Bay View docks.

Mr. Renz stated that he knows Detectives Owen Green and Ray Sheets of the Toledo Police Department; that these Detectives frequented the Bay View Golf Course and came into the caddy house; that

on one occasion while they were at the caddy house he, Renz, told them about these men, whom he believed to be part of the Barker-Karpis gang, and also told them about Simpson, who claimed to have taken some pictures of these men; that, to his knowledge, the detectives made no investigation regarding the matter, but they told him to try to get some more information about the location of these men. Renz stated that he never saw these men after that, and that he dismissed the matter from his mind until the newspapers started to print stories to the effect that members of the Barker-Karpis mob had been hanging out at Toledo; that when he read these stories in the papers he asked Russell Simpson if the pictures taken of the boats had any of the mob on them and that he was informed by Simpson that the pictures did not "come out good."

Mr. Renz was shown the pictures of the Barker-Karpis mob, but he stated he did not get a good look at any of the men and that he would not be able to identify any of them. When referring to the suspicious persons, Renz always spoke of "these men", however, until this time he had only mentioned to Agents one man, whom he thought to be suspicious. On further questioning by Agents, Renz stated that he saw the man who put on the colored glasses for the apparent purpose of preventing recognition (mentioned above in this report) again about a week later and at that time this man was with several other men, who also looked suspicious; that he could not describe these men as he did not observe them very closely; that at the time he saw them they were near green number two, about the same place that he had seen the man with the colored glasses.

Renz was questioned as to a more specific date on which he had seen these men, however, he stated that he could not recall even the month, but that he was quite sure that it was in the summer of 1934, prior to July 4th. Renz stated that Russell Simpson operates a garage at the intersection of Stickney and Paxton Streets.

After concluding interview with Paul Renz, Agents proceeded to 2806 Stickney Avenue, Toledo, where Russell Simpson was interviewed. Mr. Simpson stated he operates an automobile repair shop in the rear of his residence, and also repairs gasoline boats at the Bay View docks; that during the summer of 1934 he had in his repair shop a number of outboard motors, which were for sale, and some time during the summer of 1934, the exact date he does not recall, two men came to his repair shop at 2806 Stickney Street and stated they were interested in the purchase of a motor and boat; that he told them to look over the motors he had in his shop and answered these men's questions

about power and speed of the motors, and these men stated these motors were not what they wanted and they did not purchase a motor; that he particularly remembered these two men as one was very short and gruff in his speech; that he did not know the identity of these men and they did not tell him their names or who sent them to his place to see the motors he had on hand. Simpson stated he recalls that the taller of these two men wore green colored sun glasses. He stated he never saw either of these men before they came to his shop, or after they left there. He stated he never frequented the Casino Club on Summit Street, near the Bay View docks, as he does not drink and does not go to places where liquor is sold.

Photographs of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to Mr. Simpson, and he selected the photographs of Alvin Karpis and Arthur "Doc" Barker as persons resembling the two men, who called at his shop to look over the outboard motors he had for sale during the summer of 1934. Mr. Simpson stated that no members of the Toledo Police Department ever contacted him to ascertain if he had any information about the Barker-Karpis gang, and as he did not want anything to do with such a gang, on account of their dangerous character, he never mentioned to any law enforcement official that the two men, Karpis and Barker, called at his place to buy an outboard motor, until Special Agent Smith of this Bureau, called and interviewed him about this matter, the latter part of 1935, or early part of 1936, at which time he related the above information to Agent Smith.

With reference to the photographs which Paul Renz stated that Simpson claimed he took at the Bay View docks and thought the pictures of the suspicious men might appear therein, Mr. Simpson stated that during the summer of 1934 he was at the Bay View docks subsequent to the time the two men came to his repair shop, and took some snapshots of some outboard motor boats in the docks, and when Paul Renz mentioned to him that the suspicious men Renz saw on the golf course might be members of the wanted Barker-Karpis mob, he, Simpson, mentioned to Renz that he had taken some snapshots of outboard motor boats at the Bay View docks and maybe when the pictures were developed the men might show in the pictures, as there were several persons at the docks at the time he took the snapshots; that upon developing the snapshots, several of them were no good, and the good pictures did not show anyone in them whom he did not know.

Russell Simpson further stated that one of the men who called at his shop, and whom he identified from photograph as being Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, had a fresh scar on each side of his face, just below the temples and in front of each ear; that he took particular notice of these scars on this man for the reason that they were in about the same position on each side of his face. Mr. Simpson stated at the time these

two men, Karpis and "Doc" Barker, were in his shop looking at the outboard motors, he was very busy making some repairs, and he did not take particular notice of what means of transportation they were using, or if there was any one with them, but believes they were alone.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on September 19, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. C. Suran, dated September 5, 1936 at Cleveland, Ohio, wherein on page ten, it is stated by Frank Greenwald that he had seen from time to time at McGraws place, 2011 1/2 Adams Street, one Pekay, who was a bell boy at the Waldorf Hotel at Toledo, Ohio. In an effort to locate and identify Pekay inquiries of bell boys made at the Waldorf disclosed that Pekay also known as Harry, resided at the Court Hotel, Toledo, Ohio. Further inquiry at the Court Hotel revealed that Pekay's true name was Harry Hazelbaker, and he was located at the Court Hotel, 434 North Erie Street, and brought to the temporary offices, room 513 Edison Building, Toledo, Ohio, and there interviewed.

Hazelbaker was closely and vigorously questioned as to his having been seen at the McGraws rooming house, which he emphatically denied. He, however, admitted that he was formerly employed by Steve McGraw, now deceased, as a taxi cab driver, and that in the past few years he had only seen Edward McGraw on one occasion. In view of Hazelbaker's denials, a signed statement was secured from him, the original of which is being retained in the Cleveland office files, and which is hereinafter being set forth:

"Toledo, Ohio  
"September 19, 1936

"I, HARRY HAZELBAKER, also known as 'P. K.', do hereby make the following signed statement to Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I make this statement voluntarily, without threats or any promises of reward.

"I have been residing in Toledo, Ohio, from 1915 to 1924. From 1924 to 1930 I resided at Detroit, Michigan, and from 1930 to this date I have been living in Toledo continuously. I have known Edward McGraw and Clara his wife, for the past fifteen years. My acquaintance with them was through driving a taxi-cab for Steve McGraw, a brother of Edward, who had died about four years ago. During my employment as cab driver for Steve McGraw, I have never visited the home of Edward McGraw. I am employed as bell hop at the Waldorf Hotel located on Summit Street and Madison, Toledo, Ohio, for the past 3 years, and during this time I have never had occasion to visit or telephone Edward McGraw, although I have heard on many occasions that the McGraws run a call house.

"When I left Toledo, Ohio, in 1930, I went to Detroit, Michigan, where I purchased 12 slot machines and operated them in a suburban town known as Belvedere, Michigan. I operated these slot machines for six months, and for 4 years I ran bootleg whiskey. Upon my return to Toledo, Ohio in 1930, I was interested in a number of cafes and for three years I have been employed with the Waldorf Hotel in Toledo, Ohio.

"I have been shown photographs of Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, John Brock, Slim Gray, Milton Lett, William Weaver, Fred Hunter, C. J. Fitzgerald, Volney Davis, Sam Coker, Jimmy Wilson, and Willie Harrison, but I do not recognize any of these individuals. I have never seen Harry Campbell, alias Bob Miller until his photograph was shown in the Toledo papers.

"I am acquainted with Benjamin and Joe Fretti, of 504 Monroe St., who I know control the pin ball game machines in the city of Toledo. I am acquainted with Captain George Timiney only casually. I have never heard of Joe Roscoe, but I do know that Jack Broadway operates the 42nd Street Cafe. I know Benny Harris runs a book on Superior Street. Tom Worland operates the Dugout, a cabaret located on Hill Avenue, and is also in the pin ball machine racket. Benny Aranoff operates the Buckeye which is run as a race book, and crap game joint. I have known Fred Coulet, Catherine and Esther for the past three years and have known them to operate the Coulet Grill, located at 2130 Monroe Street. I know Heinie Billeter who is a wrestler. Joker Kennedy is known to me as a bartender and is presently located on Adams Street. I also know Art Bystrom who operates a cabaret on Washington Street. Jean Ford and Bill Cosman I know to be running houses of prostitution. Art Hand and Joe Groves operate the Dutch village. However, I deny ever visiting McGraws house on Adams Street, and I have never seen the picture of Harry Campbell alias Bob Miller until the newspaper have printed them at the time Campbell was apprehended.

"About four years ago I asked Captain George Timiney for permission to operate a few slot machines, but he refused to let me operate, saying that he would destroy them. I was planning on placing about twelve machines in stores in Toledo.

"Up until three years ago I have been in the slot machine racket and prior to repeal of prohibition, I had been bootlegging whiskey but since 1933 I have been employed as a bell hop at the Waldorf Hotel, Toledo, and I have stayed away from all rackets.

"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of two typewritten pages and the same is true to the best of my knowledge and recollection. I have signed the first and second pages.

A. J. Norstrom  
A. Dickstein  
Special Agents, Federal Bureau  
of Investigation, U. S. Department  
of Justice, 1448 Standard Bldg.,  
Cleveland, Ohio."

/s/ HARRY HAZELBAKER  
Harry (P. K.) Hazelbaker  
Court Hotel, 434 N. Erie St.,  
Toledo, Ohio



In addition to the above, Hazelbaker related that although out of the rackets at the present time, he is desirous of again operating slot machines and pin ball games, and is endeavoring to raise enough money to buy machines at this time. He stated that to operate, he would not have to "pay off" to police officials, nor would he have to fear reprisals on the part of Fretti brothers, or other big operators. He stated that he had never heard of graft payments in the police department in Toledo, nor was he in a position to speak with authority as to vice conditions in this city. He further stated that operating slot machines was illegal, but that he would have to take his chances along with the other operators in being caught.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A. J. Norstrom and A. Dickstein on September 21, 1936:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, September 5, 1936, in which report it was alleged that George M. Hancock drank beer at Lamb's Grill while Campbell was there. Mr. Hancock, who had operated the Serval Apex Refrigerator Service at 2021 Adams Street, a few doors from Lamb's Grill was located and interviewed at the aforementioned address.

Mr. Hancock, who resides at 459 Fifth Street, Toledo, Ohio, advised that until September 8, 1936, he was the owner of the Apex Refrigerator Service, which business he opened three years ago. Since 1935 he had been patronizing Lamb's Grill on Adams Street about three days a week, eating his lunch at that place.

Photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to him, but no identifications were effected. He stated that while stopping at Lamb's Grill he never befriended strangers, and the persons with whom he drank were known to him. Mr. Hancock advised further that his wife is employed as a nurse at the City Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, and about two months ago he was told by his wife that the newspapers reported that Campbell had been living at the McGraws' rooming house, and because his store had been nearby, his wife had called this incident to his attention; that all other information gathered in connection with this matter was read in the newspapers. In connection with the presence of Captain George Timiney at Lamb's Grill, Mr. Hancock stated that he knew of him only from reading in the papers, and if he had met Captain Timiney on the street he would not recognize him. Further, that his refrigeration business had occupied most of his time, and therefore he was unable to make the acquaintances of persons visiting there. Agents discussed with Mr. Hancock the vice and gambling

conditions existing in Toledo, Ohio. In reply he stated that for twelve years he was the superintendent of the City Hospital at Toledo, Ohio, during which time he had very little occasion to keep in touch with civic affairs because the hospital had been handling isolated cases, which compelled him to remain at the hospital most of the time.

However, when the name of the Fretti brothers was discussed he stated that he came in contact with them through his refrigeration service. He stated that the Fretti brothers had an apartment on 13th Street, between Washington and Monroe Streets, Toledo, and that he had the contract to keep the refrigeration in that building in good condition; that due to the bad reputation they had in paying their bills, Mr. Hancock discontinued doing business with Fretti brothers. He was unable to furnish any information of value which would tend to show that the Fretti brothers had a controlling monopoly of the pin ball machine racket, or was he able to furnish any information concerning Sheriff O'Reilly.

Abraham Haddard, operating and doing business under the name of Haddard Brothers Confectionary Company, 2147 Monroe Street, Toledo, was interviewed in connection with any visits that Campbell may have made at his store. He stated that the first information he had relative to this matter was on the day of Campbell's apprehension when Detective Harry Manson and two other detectives from the Lucas County Prosecutor's office appeared at his confectionary, which is nearly directly across the street from Goulet's Grill on Monroe Street, and questioned him relative to any visits that Campbell had made to his store. This was the first intimation he had that Campbell was residing in the neighborhood. He further stated that he was unable to later recognize the newspaper photographs of Campbell which appeared following his apprehension, as the likeness of any one who ever frequented or had been a customer of his store. Photographs of Campbell and the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to him, but he failed to recognize any of them as the likenesses of anyone he had previously met or known. He did state, however, that it would have been possible for Campbell to have been a customer of his store, but not having business or social relations with him, he would be unable to recall him as he does a large volume of business and of necessity, would have a great number of customers who he would not recall.

Haddard further stated that he was the local distributor for Play and Cleo Cola, and consequently occasionally visited the Goulet Grill for business purposes, Goulet being the user of these beverages. He recalled having heard the name of Gertie mentioned, but could not recall in what connection, nor could he recall her last name, or ever having met her, although he was acquainted with

the members of the Goulet family. He further informed that at no time did he ever see Sheriff James O'Reilly at the Goulet Grill, or Captain George Timiney at that place. He stated that both of these latter individuals are well known to him and that he had heard that O'Reilly frequented Goulet's prior to Campbell's apprehension, although he never saw him there.

Haddard also informed that several years ago, prior to his marriage, he played cards at Fretti brothers gambling place and consequently came to know a number of well known figures in Toledo criminal circles, including members of the Licovoli mob, yet despite these acquaintances he had no knowledge of pay offs or organized vice in the city.

Haddard operates one pin ball machine in his store, which he states was installed by the National Coin Machine Exchange of Toledo on a fifty-fifty basis. The pay off on the machine is in merchandise, according to Haddard, and the collector is an individual known to him as "Happy." Haddard further stated that the store is owned by his mother and operated by his wife and him, Haddard Brothers merely being a trade name established by his father, now deceased.

Interview was also had with Arthur Marleau, who with his father operates the David Marleau Hardware Company, 2139 Monroe Street, across the street from the Goulet Grill. He stated that on the morning of Campbell's apprehension, newspaper reporters questioned him as to any knowledge he might have of Harry Campbell, his wife or the Goulets. He told them that he had never seen Campbell, but that Goulets were known to him because they made occasional purchases at the store, but that Campbell's wife was unknown to him, although she may have visited his store. The newspaper men misquoted him stating that Campbell's wife was a regular customer at the store. Other than the above he had no further information to offer, and was unable to recognize photographs of Campbell or members of the Barker-Karpis gang. Interview was also had with the elder David Marleau, who informed that Sheriff O'Reilly was well known to him for many years, but that the only time he had seen O'Reilly at the Goulet Grill was several days prior to the opening at their present location, when delivering paint to that address, at which time he noticed O'Reilly there, although he could not recall having talked with him at that time.

The Toledo Morning Times was reviewed for the months of March, May and June, 1935, by Special Agents N. S. Harzenstein and R. A. Guerin. The April 1935 volume has been taken from the library to be rebound and will be checked upon its return.

March 28, 1935  
Page 3, Col. 2

Full-face photograph of Wynona Burdette, with notation that she had been sentenced to 5 years at Miami for harboring Alvin Karpis.

May 1, 1935  
Page 2, Col. 8

St. Paul, Minn. (AP)  
John L. Madala, Federal Agent, pictures Doc Barker as underworld general in charge of changing \$200,000 ransom according to information he obtained in conversation with Oliver Berg. During the trial Alvin Karpis and Doc Barker have been named as the actual kidnapers.

May 4, 1935  
Page 3, Col. 8

St. Paul, Minn. (AP)  
For the second time in two days, Arthur "Doc" Barker and Alvin Karpis were named as kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer. Elmer Farmer named Harry Campbell and Fred Barker as members of the gang.

May 5, 1935  
Page 1, Cols. 2 & 3

New Orleans, La. (AP)  
Harry Sawyer, finger man in Bremer case, arrested.

May 8, 1935  
Page 3, Col. 4

St. Paul, Minn. (AP)  
James Wilson testified he associated unknowingly with Karpis, the Barkers and Harry Campbell. He admitted living with Barker and Campbell in Toledo.

May 9, 1935  
Page 3, Col. 1

St. Paul, Minn. (AP)  
Deputy Commissioner of Police John H. Alcock of Chicago testified he knew Boss McLaughlin as a law-abiding citizen.

May 16, 1935  
Page 3, Col. 4

St. Paul, Minn. (AP) Bremer case nears jury.

May 18, 1935  
Page 2, Col. 1

St. Paul, Minn. (AP)  
Arthur "Doc" Barker and Oliver Berg given life sentences for kidnaping of E. G. Bremer. Penalties brought to 18, the number of life sentences since passage of Lindbergh Law. Karpis, Campbell, Weaver, Harrison, Myrtle Eaton, Dr. Moran, Volney Davis still being sought.

May 22, 1935 (AP) Picture of "Doc" Barker, who received life  
Page 3, Col. 5 sentence for kidnaping of E. G. Bremer.

June 1, 1935 Tacoma, Wash. (AP) (5/31)  
Page 1, Col. 3 Volney Davis and Alvin Karpis suspected in Weyerhauser  
case. Davis and Karpis named as leaders of mob which  
kidnaped Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul.

June 2, 1935 Tacoma Wash. (US 6/1)  
Page 1, Col. 5 Alvin Karpis gang not kidnapers in Weyerhauser case.  
5 & 6. cont'd  
Page 2, Col. 6

June 3, 1935 Headline: KARPIS AID SEIZED IN KIDNAPING. Article:  
Page 1, full page Chicago, Ill. US 6/2) Volney Davis captured at  
headline, also Chicago. Named as member of Alvin Karpis kidnap  
Page 1, Col. 5 gang. Involved in Weyerhauser kidnaping.  
cont'd Page 2,  
Col. 3.

June 4, 1935 Tacoma, Wash. (AP 6/3)  
Page 2, Col. 3 Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis gangster, not involved in  
Weyerhauser case.

June 4, 1935 St. Paul, Minn. (AP 6/3)  
Page 3, Col. 1 Volney Davis, known to department of justice agents as  
one of the slippiest and toughest members of the Barker-  
Karpis gang, plead guilty to conspiracy to kidnap  
Edward G. Bremer for \$200,000 today.

June 4, 1935 Headline: KIDNAP SUSPECTS, REFUGE.  
Page 3, Col. 1 Photo of house of George Bonifas of Weyerhauser case.  
2, 3, & 4 Photo of Alvin Karpis, profile; photo of Harry Campbell,  
full face. Caption identifies photos by name, and says  
that Campbell is member of Karpis' gang.

June 8, 1935 St. Paul, Minn. (AP 6/7)  
Page 1, Col. 2 Five kidnapers sentenced. Relates terms received by  
Volney Davis, Arthur "Doc" Barker, Oliver Berg, Harry  
Alderton, Elmer Farmer, John J. "Boss" McLaughlin,  
James J. Wilson; Byron Bolton remains to be sentenced.  
"Only Alvin Karpis, leader of Barker-Karpis gang, named  
as abductors of Bremer, had eluded capture \* \* \*."

June 9, 1936 New York, N. Y. (AP 6/8)  
Page, Cols. Relates how various criminals were captured because of women.  
2, 3, 4, & 5 Speaks of Volney Davis, a big gun of the midwest mob that  
have been responsible for crimes ranging from murder and  
kidnaping to robbery.

The Toledo News-Bee for the month of June, 1934 was examined  
by Special Agent R. A. Guerin; and for the month of July, 1934, was ex-  
amined by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein. Nothing of value to the  
instant investigation was found in the issues of either month.

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The following are telephone calls which have been overheard on the telephone tap being maintained on the telephone of the place of business of Joe and Ben Fretti, 514 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, which calls appear to have some significance to the present investigation:

SEPTEMBER 17, 1936

Incoming call at 12:10 p.m.

*\* Telephone Log*

Man calling (Voice sounded like Clarence Vena) - Let me talk to Joe Fretti.  
Girl Answers He's talking on the other phone.  
Joe Fretti Hello  
Man calling Joe, what have you been doing, ducking the issue on me? I have called you a number of times and left my phone number but you have not called me. The campaign is now under way and I want to get you started, there is lots of work to be done.  
Joe Fretti I don't know whether I'm ducking the Republicans or not, but I have been giving this serious thought, and maybe I'll be with the Democrats.  
Man calling Come over and see me and after I get through talking to you I don't care whether you are the Democrats or not.  
Joe Fretti Are you going to be in your office all day?  
Man calling Yes, the better part of it.  
Joe Fretti I'll take a run over and see you in half an hour.

The above conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd. As it has been previously mentioned, Clarence Vena, who is no doubt the person talking to Joe Fretti, in above conversation, is a colored Republican and reported to be a "fixer". The Fretti brothers are reported to control a good number of votes in Toledo.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1936

Incoming call at 4:30 p.m.

Man calling This is Tim Murphy, let me talk to Benny Harris.  
Benny Harris Hello -  
Tim Murphy There is a fellow named Milton Starkey with the Home Packing Company called you up and wants to talk to you on important business. I wouldn't tell him where you were, if you know him you can call him. Say, also, there are four colored boys here who want to cash checks.  
Benny Harris I don't want to bother with Starkey and cash one check at a time for the colored boys.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd. Tim Murphy, mentioned in the above conversation, is an employee at the Superior Sports Center, a gambling house operated by Benny Harris, and Murphy is said to be a cousin of George Timiney, Captain of Detectives, Toledo Police Department.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1936

Incoming call at 10:55 a.m.

Man calling Is Joe there?  
Ben Fretti No, he is not, is this Lucas?  
Man calling Yes, have him stop over at the radio (police)  
barn.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd.  
Lucas is a Police Officer assigned to the radio building, Toledo  
Police Department.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1936

Outgoing call at 1:58 p.m., calling  
Adams 4141 - (Toledo Police Dept.)

Man answers Police Department.  
Man calling Mr. Henry Semback please.  
2nd man answers Identification Bureau  
Man calling Henry Semback, please.  
2nd man answers He won't be back until a week from Monday, he is  
on his vacation.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent N. S.  
Harzenstein. Henry Semback, mentioned in this conversation, is  
the police photographer in the Identification Bureau, Toledo Police  
Department.

The following conversations were overheard over the tele-  
phone tap being maintained on the telephone, Adams 1556, of Maxine  
Belmont Thomas, 2105 Warren Street, Toledo, Ohio, which conversations  
appear to have some significance to the present investigation.

SEPTEMBER 17, 1936

Out going call at 11:22 p.m.,  
calling Adams 0719.

Maxine calling (Talks about the heat, health, etc.) - Went  
over to Lena's last night.  
Rosie I lost another girl, her man didn't want her  
here so he took her back to Michigan. I only  
have four girls now with Friday and Saturday  
coming on.  
Maxine Well, you can't help it.  
Rosie It's heart breaking and business is tough.  
Maxine Maybe its the change in the weather.  
Rosie I only had two girls today. Did you send those  
cards?  
Maxine Yes, I did, is he through fixing up?  
Rosie You should see the step though. Will you  
send a card to Lena for me and thanks for your  
card.  
Maxine Sure I will. I'll see you tomorrow.



(When talking to Maxine about the girl who had gone to Michigan, Rosie mentioned something that sounded like "Peggy", although it is not certain). This conversation was overheard by Special Agent R. A. Guerin.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1936

Outgoing call at 11:41 p.m. calling Adams 4530.

Maxine calling	Helen?
Helen	Yes, how are you?
Maxine	I just got home from Jenny's. She is awful sick, too much Jewish New Years.
Helen	Is that right? Gee, things are terrible. Such a change is unbelievable.
Maxine	Don't think about it, you have to take the bitter with the sweet.
Helen	Say, a party was in here tonight -- hold the line a minute (tells Mary to take them in the other room and close the door) -- This party Kline was around, never has been here before and I don't know what to do. What should I have?
Maxine	Nobody else does, you were right.
Helen	Said he was going on a vacation.
Maxine	That's most probably it, he had a lot of nerve.
Helen	Sally got a "beef". Party was supposed to have said, didn't you know? They were different people entirely.
Maxine	You sure sound as though you were sick tonight.
Helen	Well, I am.
Maxine	Helen, don't worry, it's Friday night, it's only 12 o'clock and something might turn up. I didn't want to call up Sadie as she is such a talker and I didn't want to get her started. I wanted to know about the doctor, but Mary's husband goes up to Erie Street a lot. I don't want to start with her.
Helen	Say, the former proprietors wrote to Mary and "Blonde" Helen. They were supposed to have written to me, as Mary got a letter from them saying they had written to both Helens and were disappointed in getting no response. She wrote back and now she's worried.
Maxine	She has nothing to worry about.
Helen	Will you call tomorrow?
Maxine	Yes, I'll call early.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent A. J. Norstrom. The person "Kline" mentioned in the above conversation as having called at the place where Helen is located, the Shelby Hotel, a house of prostitution, is evidently Police Officer Kline, Toledo Police Department, who is assigned to the liquor squad and from the conversation above it appears he was endeavoring to do a little "collecting" of his own.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1936

Incoming call at 12:30 p.m.

Sadie Dann Calling (After greeting) I got initiated.  
Maxine Yes, I heard.  
Sadie When did you get back?  
Maxine I got back Monday but I went to Detroit for a couple of days.  
Sadie Lena didn't buy it. She changed her mind. Anna wouldn't sign over the lease. For a couple of days Lena and Sam were running after her to sign over the lease, then, finally when Anna said she would sign over the lease, Lena backed out.

This conversation overheard by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein. As set out in previous reports, Sadie Dann was endeavoring to sell her house of prostitution, the Oxford Hotel, and it appears from above conversation that the deal fell through as "Anna", who is, no doubt Anna Plummer, who owns the Oxford Hotel, would not sign over the lease on same.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1936

Outgoing call at 12:20 a.m. calling Adams 0719 (Rosie Bush, 900-1/2 Monroe Street)

Maxine calling Rose, how are you?  
Rosie (After greeting) I got no girl, what am I to do? They come in and walk out --- they come in and walk out, it's awful.  
Maxine That is too bad Rosie. Some time ago you told me about a party who called you up and had a Madel (Jewish for girl), do you remember?  
Rosie No. who do you mean?  
Maxine Peggy's sister.  
Rosie Yes.  
Maxine Do you know who I mean now?  
Rosie No.  
Maxine Jackie Kennedy.  
Rosie Oh yes.  
Maxine I'll put him on.

Man calling

Rosie, this is ~~Hawkins~~ ~~(Parkins)~~. I hope that you don't feel that I abused you. I'm sorry about that and I want to apologize.

Rosie

Oh that's all right. In this kind of business you got to cater, you know to who, and if you don't do it they take them out. If you got girls and they bring them in the house and they want to play, its all right with me, but I can't let them do it here.

Marine  
Rosie

I think she is more to blame than -- you know. I know that, but if you don't do it they taken them out.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1936

Outgoing call at 12:27 a.m. calling Adams 4530.

Marine  
Helen

Helen are you busy?  
Not much. I can talk. Its kind of slow, like last week.

Marine  
Helen  
Marine

You can't help that.  
How are you? How's Jennie?  
She's all right. I stopped in to see her. I stopped at several places but I'm home now.

Helen  
Marine  
Helen

Did you hear from Lena?  
No, just what I told you.  
I expect to hear from her, I wrote her. I thought she would call.

Marine

I was up to the Shelby Hotel tonight. Some of our friends came in, three of them, for their New Years Greetings. Our friend is coming back today, you know, Mr. Mayer, he is coming back today.

Helen  
Marine  
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Helen  
Marine  
Marine

I had a couple in today for the first time.  
Who? So did John, he was kind of worried.  
No, not them, Mr. Brown. (Likely Art Brown)  
You mean -- that used to be?

Yes.  
That don't mean a thing.  
He's here now.  
You mean around there?

Yes.  
Well, just use your own judgement.  
I did.

You're the boss. Whatever you do is o.k.  
After all, we got to tip our hats to them.  
It always was there, and so I figured it would be the same way.

Helen

Marine  
Helen

Wasn't nobody in before now?  
I asked why he wasn't around here, and he said  
he understood somebody else was around here  
and they did not want to come in contact, you  
know who I mean.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent H. S.  
Harzenstein.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1936.

Outgoing call at 12:31 p.m. call-  
ing Adams 0119.

Man calling (Sounded like Benny Aronoff calling) Asks if  
Joe Roscoe was there.  
Man answering He left here about twenty minutes ago.  
Man calling o.k.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J. Dowd.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1936.

Outgoing call at 4:30 p.m. call-  
ing telephone company, Irene Moss.

Joe Fretti calling Instructs the telephone company that hereafter  
anyone calling for Fretti Brothers should be  
connected with telephone number Main 2913 and  
not Main 5412, and that no listing is to appear  
in the telephone book, this number to be kept  
private and unlisted.

Irene Moss (She appears to be a friend of Joe Fretti)  
Says the operators will be instructed when any-  
one asks for Fretti Brothers to connect them  
with Main 2913 and the number is not to be  
listed or given out and is for information only.

It appears from the above conversation that the Fretti  
Brothers, whose telephone number is Main 5412 on which this tap  
is being maintained, is either installing an additional telephone,  
which is to be unlisted, or they are going to discontinue the  
use of Main 5412. This will be determined later.

The above conversation was overheard by Special Agent E. J.  
Dowd.

Sept. 23, 1936

Outgoing call at 7:06 PM Called Main 0293

Maxine  
Stella

Stella (exchanged greetings)  
I was trying to call you yesterday. I spoke to Johnnie today.....last night Marie Harrington called me, and I made an appointment for 4:30 today and she told me she has a chance to get a place and if I want to, she will give me one-third. She told me it's been a place and there are girls there, but she couldn't tell me the name of it. I told her whenever she's ready to let me know.

Maxine  
Stella  
Maxine  
Stella  
Maxine

Did the party see her in the Buckeye?  
No, he's a dirty bum.  
You know what I did, I can't tell you over the phone can you come over here? I'll send a cab after you.  
Lena went out and she expects Virginia down here.  
I'll send a cab in one-half hour.

This conversation was overheard by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein. From the above conversation it appears that Marie Harrington, an old time madam of a house of prostitution, is going to open up another house of prostitution, and has offered "Stella", who is at 311 Locust Street, a house of prostitution, an interest in same. The location of the new place is not known.

Sept. 23, 1936

Incoming call at 7:20 PM

Maxine  
Helen  
Maxine  
Helen

I want to tell you something....the former proprietors.. Back in town?  
Yes...and a lot of things, I can't tell you on the phone.  
Yes, she was here before 12... I wasn't here - looking things over, maybe, and over to Mary's asking a lot of information.

Maxine

Listen, he better just keep going West...I don't want to judge - you know - I didn't think they could stay away so long ..... I guess there are lots of places people are willing to sell, and maybe that's what they have in mind, coming back.

Helen

They acted like they thought the place would be run down and everything, with no help, or nothing.

Maxine

They thought they were selling a lemon, that's why - they thought it would turn out to be a lemon. They had to leave because of those other people.

Helen

She just called me and thought she would give me a kibitz. What business has she got, coming in here before noon, and snooping around.

Maxine

They're bad losers. They sold a gold mine, and they can't take....they were afraid of something else, you know. They know what they sold.

Helen Did Lena tell you she wanted me to go to a lawyer and make an agreement for one year, you know.

Maxine It's like that place over the saloon...Bill and Sadie Sherman. They ate their hearts out, too. He's burning up because he can't take it. He's the least of my worries. One thing that hurt me when we knew the other party and you were together, he didn't even say Good Luck. Lena said why didn't he call up, and I said because he begrudged.

Helen He said he should have given Mary, instead, so they could have come back in a month or two.

Maxine They promised her, but they never would.

Helen I go in early tomorrow, come out for breakfast Friday at 1:00.

Maxine Over to .....?

Helen Over to my new house. I'll talk to you tomorrow night. Mary is sick and I'm sending her home after lunch, about 10.

Maxine I'll call you tomorrow night.

The above conversation was overheard by Special Agent N. S. Harzenstein. It is believed the above conversation about the former proprietors being back in town, refers to Pauline Weinstein and her man, who, after Agents interviewed Pauline Weinstein about two months ago, sold her house of prostitution, the Riverside Hotel, and left Toledo.

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On August 16, 1936, a tap was installed and placed in operation on the telephone of the place of business of Joe and Ben Fretti, 514 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, (The Star Vending Company) and Special Agent E. J. Dowd was maintaining this tap in an empty storeroom located at 24 North Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio, arrangements having been made with a real estate company for the use of this building, gratis.

On September 24, 1936, Special Agent Dowd advised Special Agent J. V. Murphy that four men entered the building, one having a key to the front door; that after he, Agent Dowd, talked to one of the men, who was from the Reuben Realty Company, this man stated he wished to show the building to a prospective tenant. Agent Dowd requested the man to come back later, and the man stated he would return on September 25th.

Agent Murphy communicated with Mr. Smith of the Reuben Realty Company, with whom arrangements had been made for Agents' use of the store building, when Mr. Smith was with the Crosby Realty Company, and Mr. Smith stated they have rented the store building to a Toledo catering company, and if possible would like to have the use of the building by September 25th. Mr. Smith was informed that Agents would discontinue the use of the storeroom, and same would be available to his tenant on September 25th. The Cleveland office was advised telephonically that the tap on business telephone of Fretti brothers was discontinued on September 24, 1936.

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Agents working on the Brekid matter in Cleveland, Ohio, developed, upon examination of the files of the Cleveland Police Department, that after the arrest of Wynona Burdette, Paula Harmon and Gladys Sawyer in Cleveland in the early part of September 1934, the Cleveland Police Department wrote letters on September 7th and 16th, 1936, to the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department, attaching a group photograph of the three above-named women, and photographs of Fred and Arthur "Doc" Barker, stating that at the time of the arrest of Wynona Burdette, Paula Harmon and Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette stated that her address was 2831 131st Street, Point Place, Toledo, Ohio; that it is believed that the three women are in some manner connected with the Barker brothers, who are wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping. The Cleveland Police Department requested in their letters to the Toledo Police Department that investigation be made at 2831 131st Street and vicinity in effort to locate Fred and Arthur "Doc" Barker.

On September 20, 1936, Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy interviewed Mrs. Fred A. Rudolph, 2831 131st Street, Point Place, Ohio, who stated that on September 6th or 7th, 1934, two newspaper reporters, a man from the Toledo Blade and a woman from the Toledo News Bee, whose name she does not know, came to her home and asked her about Wynona Burdette and whether or not she lived at that address, and how long she, Mrs. Rudolph, had been living there. These reporters, Mrs. Rudolph stated, mentioned that Wynona Burdette had been arrested in Cleveland, Ohio, and had given 2831 131st Street as her home address. Mrs. Rudolph stated that she informed the reporters that she had been residing at that address for about a month, and that she did not know the people who previously resided there, nor did she know anything about them. Mrs. Rudolph stated this was the first time she had any information that any members of the Barker gang had resided at that address.

Mrs. Rudolph further stated that the following day, which she stated was on September 8, 1934, as that was her husband's birthday, she was up in town doing some shopping and when she returned in the late afternoon she found a police officer sitting on her porch waiting for her; that this police officer was in plain clothes and not in uniform; that he did not state his name but stated that he was with the Toledo Police Department and then displayed to her a group photograph of three women, whom she has since identified as Wynona Burdette, Paul Harmon and Gladys Sawyer, and he stated that these women had been arrested by the Cleveland Police Department a day or two before and Wynona Burdette had given her address as 2831 131st Street, Point Place, Ohio. She stated that she informed this officer that she was Mrs. Rudolph and her husband was a refrigeration engineer in Toledo; that she did not know Wynona Burdette or the persons who had previously resided at that address. She stated that this police officer also displayed to her photographs of two men whom she has since identified as Fred and Arthur "Doc" Barker, and she informed the officer that she did not know the men.



Mrs. Rudolph further stated that subsequent to the visit of the police officer on September 8, 1934, she was informed by her neighbor, Mrs. William Siek, Jr., who resides at 2823 131st Street, which is next door, that on the night prior to September 8th, two plain clothes police officers of the Toledo Police Department, whose names she did not know, called at her, Mrs. Siek's, home about midnight and made inquiry as to who resided next door at 2831 131st Street, and she, Mrs. Siek, informed them that Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Rudolph and daughter resided there; that these officers requested use of her, Mrs. Siek's, telephone and attempted to call her? Mrs. Rudolph's home, but it appeared they were unable to get anyone to answer. Mrs. Rudolph stated, however, that she does not believe they attempted to call her telephone, as she has an extension telephone in her bedroom and had they called she would certainly have heard the telephone ring. Photograph of Captain George Timiney was exhibited to Mrs. Rudolph, but she stated she was unable to identify same as being a photograph of the police officer who called on her on the afternoon of September 8, 1934.

Mrs. Rudolph stated that when a raid was made on her home in the latter part of January, 1935, by Deputy Sheriffs and Police Officers of Toledo, Ohio, Sheriff James O'Reilly was not present on the raid; that the deputy sheriffs and police officers asked her if she knew who they were looking for and she informed them she should know by now as there had been a number of inquiries made about some women and the Barkers having lived in that house, also that she presumed that they were looking for Karpis and they said they were; that she informed them that she knew nothing about these persons and they were free to search her house, which they did, even to looking into the attic, after their attention had been called to the fact that they had overlooked the attic in their search. Mrs. Rudolph stated that she never knew that Harry Campbell had ever lived in the same house she is occupying and her first information in that regard was read in the newspapers after Harry Campbell had been apprehended in Toledo in the early part of May 1936. Mrs. Rudolph stated that after the raid was made on her home in the latter part of January 1936, she went to Sheriff O'Reilly's office and told him that she had been residing at her present address for the past six or seven months and knew nothing about the previous occupants of the house; that the house was vacant about a month before she moved in and she does not know what became of the former occupants; that she wanted some assurance from the sheriff that she would not be bothered with any further raiding parties looking for Karpis and his associates; that the sheriff stated he was unable to assure her that she would be bothered further as orders were orders. She stated that she asked Sheriff O'Reilly where he obtained his information that Karpis was at her home when the raid was made and he would not give the name of his informant, but stated that the information came from a taxi driver and restaurant owner in the vicinity of her home. Mrs. Rudolph stated that she has no idea who the restaurant owner might be as there is no restaurant

in that immediate vicinity, but she is of the opinion that the taxi driver was Mr. Drew, her next door neighbor, who formerly operated a private taxi cab. She stated she has been unable to verify her belief, however.

Efforts were made by Special Agents J. V. Murphy and H. B. Dill to contact Mr. Albert Drew at his home at 2841 - 131st Street, Point Place, Ohio, but Agents were informed by Mr. Drew's wife that he was seldom home during the day in view of the fact that he was working for the PMA at the present time; that he works on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and also Thursday; that she did not know the location of the project on which he was working, but that she felt sure he would be home over the weekend. He will be interviewed regarding his knowledge of this matter at a later date.

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Mrs. William Siek, 2825 - 131st Street, Point Place, Ohio, was interviewed at her residence by Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy on September 21, 1936. She stated that on September 7, 1934, about midnight, two detectives from the Toledo Police Department, called at her home and made inquiry as to who was living next door at 2831 - 131st Street, and she informed them that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rudolph and daughter, Dolly, resided there; that these detectives told her they were looking for the Barkers, who were wanted in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, and the Toledo police were advised by the Cleveland police that the three women they had arrested at Cleveland had given their address as 2831 - 131st Street, and it was believed that these women were connected with the Barkers. Mrs. Siek stated these detectives informed her they had looked over the garage at 2831 - 131st Street and found the motor of the automobile in the garage was still warm. She stated these detectives appeared to be frightened and nervous, and asked her if the Rudolphs were home and what their telephone number was, and she looked up the telephone number of Mr. Rudolph and gave it to the detectives, and one of the detectives picked up her telephone and from all appearances attempted to call Mr. Rudolph, but stated he was unable to get any one to answer. She stated that she and members of her family later discussed the attempt of the detectives to call Mr. Rudolph by telephone, and as they knew the Rudolphs were home and likely in bed, they doubted whether the detectives actually put through the call to Mr. Rudolph's telephone.

Mrs. Siek stated to Agents there was a large picture of Wynona Burdette in the newspaper that day, and the detectives pointed to the picture and asked her if she recognized that woman, and she told them she did not. Mrs. Siek stated that she did recognize the

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photograph of Wynona Burdette as that of a woman who lived at 2831 131st Street, prior to the time the Rudolphs moved in to that address, but she did not care to tell this to the detectives.

Mrs. Siek stated that no newspaper reporter ever came to her home and made inquiry about this matter.

The information given to Agents by Mrs. Siek was corroborated by her son Buddy, who, in addition to the above, stated that on the next day, which was Saturday, September 8, 1934, two Toledo detectives came to the house as he was about to leave, some time between two and four P. M., and asked him who lived next door - 2831 - 131st Street and he informed them that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rudolph lived there, and they asked when the Rudolphs would be home, and he stated he did not know; that the detectives left and he did not pay any further attention to them, as he was leaving to go to town, and was the only one at his home at the time. Buddy further stated that these two detectives were not the same two who were at his home the night before, and he does not know who any of them were. He stated that all four of these men were tall and slender and were between the ages of 35 and 40 years. Both Buddy and his mother, Mrs. Siek, were shown a photograph of George Timiney, and both stated they did not believe he was one of the men who came to their home on the two occasions, September 7 and 8, 1934.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, September 8, 1936, wherein it is set out on page seven that records of the Cleveland Police Department reflect that on or about September 6, 1934, the Toledo, Ohio Police Department was requested to be on the lookout for Fred Barker and others wanted for the killing of C. R. Kelly, Sheriff of Howell County, Missouri, on December 19, 1931; that they should be on the lookout for a Ford coupe bearing license #C-21274, listed to Alfred G. Bradford, 321 Jefferson Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, as Fred Barker might be the occupant of this car.

At the request of the Cleveland office, Special Agents H. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy, on September 19, 1936, conducted investigation at the Lucas County Automobile Registration Bureau, 403 Michigan Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, where Mr. E. M. Bowland, Deputy Clerk, was interviewed and secured his records covering this automobile. There is on file at the registration bureau a duplicate copy of sworn statement of ownership showing that Alfred G. Bradford, address 321 Jefferson Avenue, Toledo, is the true and lawful owner of 1934 Ford Coupe V8, motor #615739. Attached to this sworn statement of ownership is invoice #2721, dated February 17, 1934, of R. & W. Auto Sales Company (Ford), 827 West 35th Street (city not shown, but believed to be Cleveland, Ohio), salesman - Gregory, made out to Alfred G. Bradford, 6708 South Constance, Chicago, Illinois, covering one Model 40, 1934 D. L. coupe - black (Ford coupe), motor #615739, amount \$676.00. This invoice also states that radio was installed at cost of \$67.50 and aerial installed at cost of \$6.00. Mr. Bowland stated the sworn statement of ownership was evidently based on this invoice, although the invoice does not bear a paid stamp, or any indication that the car was paid for. The sworn statement of ownership was executed on April 11, 1934, before Miss Evelyn McPartland, notary public, who, it was ascertained at the Court Clerk's office, Toledo, is employed by the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., 3015 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. E. M. Bowland, Deputy Clerk, Lucas County Automobile Registration Bureau, Toledo, stated they do not have the 1934 records of automobile licenses issued at Toledo, as they have been returned to Columbus, Ohio, and are in possession of Mr. Frank West, Deputy Registrar, state motor vehicle registration bureau; that the only records they have at Toledo of licenses issued at Toledo are for the years 1935 and 1936.

As the sworn statement of ownership of Alfred G. Bradford was notarized by Miss Evelyn McPartland, notary public, on April 11, 1934, and it was developed that she is employed by the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., which company sold to H. J. Morley, alias of Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, through introduction of Bert Angus, a Chevrolet automobile on February 27, 1934, Miss McPartland was interviewed at the

Robison Chevrolet, Inc., to ascertain if she could identify the photograph of Fred Barker as being Alfred G. Bradford, and whether or not she recalled if anyone accompanied Bradford at the time he had her notarize the sworn statement of ownership on April 11, 1934.

Miss McPartland stated, after viewing the photograph of Fred Barker, that she was unable to recall anything about the transaction, as she notarizes many papers for the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., as well as their customers. Her attention was called to the fact that the sworn statement covered a Ford automobile instead of a Chevrolet, and she stated, nevertheless she cannot recall anything about the matter, as she keeps no record of papers she notarizes.

After Miss McPartland was interviewed, she discussed this matter with the other stenographers in the office of the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., and Miss Irene Taylor, an employee, stated she recalled writing up a sworn statement for a man by the name of Alfred G. Bradford during the spring of 1934. Miss Taylor stated to Agent that she recalls that salesman Harold Barry came to her and asked her how a person could buy a license in the state of Ohio on just an invoice covering an automobile; that she told him the usual procedure was to make out a sworn statement of ownership and then the car could be registered and a license could then be obtained. Miss Taylor stated that Mr. Barry then brought a man to the cashier's window, and this man stated his name was Alfred G. Bradford. She stated he was about five feet three inches tall, very slender and well dressed; that he did not have the appearance of being a hoodlum. She stated, at the request of Mr. Barry and Mr. Bradford, she prepared a sworn statement of ownership on the prescribed form, covering an automobile, but does not now recall the description of same, and in view of the fact that she is not a notary public, she asked Miss Evelyn McPartland to notarize the document, which she did. Miss Taylor stated she saw no one with Mr. Bradford, except Mr. Barry. Photograph of Fred Barker was exhibited to Miss Taylor, and she stated she does not believe this was the man who represented himself as Alfred G. Bradford. She was shown other photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, but was unable to identify any one of them as being the person who stated his name was Alfred G. Bradford. Mr. Taylor stated that Mr. Harold Barry is now employed by Carl F. Weissenberger, Inc., 1516 Broadway, Toledo.

Mr. Harold Barry was interviewed at the used car lot of Carl F. Weissenberger, Inc., 1516 Broadway. He stated he recalls selling two automobiles to a man who gave the name of H. J. Morley, but whom he has since identified as being Arthur R. "Doc" Barker; that he sold the first automobile to Morley in February, 1934, and met Morley through Bert Angus, who brought Morley to the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., 3015 Monroe Street, where he, Barry, was employed at the time.

Barry stated he has a recollection of having asked Miss Irene Taylor at the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., to prepare a sworn statement of ownership for a man by the name of Alfred G. Bradford for the purpose of obtaining an Ohio license for Bradford's automobile; that Bradford had only an invoice covering his automobile, and a sworn statement of ownership is necessary to secure a license, in the absence of the title. Barry stated he does not recall how he came to meet Bradford, or whether he had ever seen him before or after the transaction; that it is not unusual to follow this procedure and assist some one in securing an automobile license. Barry was shown photograph of Fred Barker, as well as others of the Barker-Karpis gang, but stated he is unable to identify any of them as being Bradford, and has no recollection of the description of Bradford.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, August 22, 1936, wherein on page three is set out information to the effect that the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., 3015 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio, on August 3, 1934, sold Chevrolet sedan, motor #4643655 to H. J. Morley, the alias of Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, taking in on the sale of this automobile, Chevrolet sedan, motor #4102997, which has been sold by this company to H. J. Morley ("Doc" Barker) on March 28, 1934, and had been wrecked about August 1, 1934. A check of the records of the Robison Chevrolet, Inc., and the Lucas County Automobile Registration Bureau, Toledo, reflects that the correct motor number of the Chevrolet sedan sold to H. J. Morley on August 3, 1934, is #4543656; that the correct motor number of the Chevrolet sedan sold to Morley on March 28, 1934 is #4102997, same as shown above.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, September 22, 1936, wherein lead is set out for Toledo, Ohio, to obtain photograph and description of one "Pug" Smith, an old time bank robber of Toledo, which information had been requested by memorandum by the Cleveland office.

On September 21, 1936, Special Agents M. B. Dill and J. V. Murphy interviewed Mr. John Louy, Superintendent, Identification Bureau, Toledo Police Department, who, after searching the records of the Identification Bureau, stated they do not have any record on Lee or Joseph Smith, alias "Pug" Smith, who is alleged to have served a term of eight years in the Ohio State Penitentiary from Toledo for bank robbery about twelve or fourteen years ago, and is said to be about five feet two inches in height, thin build and bowlegged. Mr. Louy stated they do have a record of one Lyone Smith, Toledo Police #9714, who was convicted and sentenced at Toledo on June 14, 1927 to serve ten to twenty-five years for robbery. This man, Lyone Smith, was paroled from the Ohio State Penitentiary on August 8, 1934, and is at the present time employed by the Red Cab Company in Toledo, Ohio, as a cab driver. Lyone Smith's description is as follows:

Age	-	21 years (On 11/6/20)
Height	-	5'3"
Weight	-	125 pounds
Eyes	-	Brown
Hair	-	Black
Build	-	Slender
Teeth	-	Good - three gold capped in front
Marital Status	-	Married
Occupation	-	Laborer, street car conductor, cab driver
Nativity	-	Toledo, Ohio
Toledo Police #	-	9714
Fingerprint	-	5 0 18
Classification	-	27 I 12

A photograph of Lyone Smith was obtained from the Toledo Police Department and was forwarded to the Cleveland office. The above information has already been furnished the Cleveland office by memorandum.



The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. Dickstein on September 24, 1936:

Reference is being made to the report of Special Agent R. G. Suran dated September 5, 1936, at Cleveland, Ohio, in which report it was alleged that William J. Croke drank beer at Lamb's Grill while Campbell was there.

William J. Croke, 2021 Adams Street, Toledo, manager of the Serval & Apex Refrigerator Service, was interviewed at his place of business and he advised that he had been operating the Apex Service store for the past four years. In the fall of 1934, when Lamb's Grill opened, and since that time, Mr. Croke visited the Grill about four days a week. Mr. Croke stated that he would have his coffee each morning and before leaving for home he would stop in at the Grill for a drink. At no time did he remain long enough to become acquainted, and therefore, could not identify any persons who are known to frequent the Grill. The photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were exhibited to him, but no identifications were made. Mr. Croke could not identify the photograph of Harry Campbell as a person he had seen at Lamb's Grill. Mr. Croke was asked if he was acquainted with Captain George Timiney, and in this connection he advised that he knows him to say, "Hello", but had never seen Timiney at Lamb's Grill, and until the time that Campbell was apprehended, he was not aware of the connection between Campbell and the McGraws. He had read the newspapers that the McGraws knew Campbell, and from rumors around Lamb's Grill it is common talk that the McGraws run a call house. Mr. Croke was unable to furnish any additional information as to the names of any girls, to his knowledge, who have worked for the McGraws. Neighbors know Edward McGraw to be a pimp.

With reference to Sheriff O'Reilly, Mr. Croke advised that he knows the Sheriff, but was not friendly with him; that if the Sheriff had been at Lamb's Grill, he would have known this, and would have observed him if he had visited the Grill at any time.

A discreet neighborhood investigation was conducted in the vicinity of 3200 River Road, corner of Westmeyer Street, where the home of Joe Roscoe is located. The home in question consists of two stories, brown stucco with a double car garage, and occupies a corner lot. Neighbors advise that from their observation they were unable to notice anything of a suspicious nature, and that the Roscoes are not known to entertain very much at their home. Also, that the house in which Roscoe resides is owned by Ganey Broadway, and neighbors also stated that the 42nd Street Cafe property is also in the name of Ganey Broadway; that Ganey and Roscoe live as man and wife at 3200 River Road. It was further ascertained that the house in which the Roscoes live was built about nine years ago by Charlie Marks. The



home of Roscoe is situated in a restricted neighborhood, and all houses in that vicinity are detached, and they are occupied by many respected business people of Toledo. Neighbors stated further that in view of the heavy landscaping covering each house, it is sometimes difficult to observe persons coming and going from the home of Roscoe, or any of the other homes in that vicinity.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Toledo, Ohio, will continue the investigation in accordance with previous leads set out, and as other leads are being set forth by memorandum to the investigating Agents, these leads are not being set out in this report.

- PENDING -

ADDENDUM by Special Agent K. J. Wynn:

Information with reference to the suspicions of the Fretti brothers that their telephone is being tapped, as well as information indicating the possibility of the police department having a telephone tap on Adams 1410 at the temporary offices of the Bureau in the Edison Building, Toledo, was communicated to Inspector E. J. Connelley and upon his instructions Special Agent J. E. Brennan went to Toledo, Ohio, on September 24, 1936, for the purpose of determining whether or not there is in fact a tap on the telephone Adams 1410 at Toledo.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Cincinnati, Ohio**

FILE NO. **7-33**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/22/36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/11/36</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F. C. DOWNEY</b> <b>7-33</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, With Aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, With Aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232; ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Former Special Agents D. E. Hall and W. E. Peters have no knowledge concerning a safety deposit box key being found on person of Paula Harmon at time of her arrest in Cleveland, Ohio on September 5, 1934.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>P.</b></p>			
REFERENCE:  <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Letter from the Cleveland Bureau Office, dated 9/5/36. Report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated 9/25/34.</p>			
DETAILS:  <p style="text-align: center;"><u>At San Francisco, California.</u></p> <p>Former Special Agents W. E. Peters, Chief Investigator for the Special Assembly Committee on auditing for the California State Legislature, and D. E. Hall, Investigator for the firm of Atherton &amp; Dunn, Private Investigators, were interviewed at 1340 Russ Building, San Francisco, California, the office of Mr. Peters. Both Mr. Peters, who is a personal acquaintance of the writer and Mr. Hall, related most of the details surrounding the arrest of Paula Harmon, Gladys Sawyer and Wanona Burdett, practically all of which appears in reference report of Special Agent D. E. Hall.</p> <p>Both Mr. Peters and Mr. Hall recalled that investigation was conducted at the Cleveland Trust Company and at the Central Union National</p>			
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Bank, Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of determining whether subjects had rented safety deposit boxes there under any of their known names or aliases, but that this investigation was not predicated upon a safety deposit box key found on the person of Paula Harmon or either of the other two women.

Mr. Peters advised that a very complete inventory was made of every item which was found in the apartments which were raided and that at the time of the release of the above named women to the Bureau, a receipt was given to the Cleveland Police Department for the personal effects of these women which was signed by Mr. Peters, none of which, as he recalls, included a safety deposit box key.

It was the opinion of both Mr. Peters and Mrs. Hall that because of the animosity which existed between the Cleveland Police Department and the Bureau at that time, it was very possible and very probable that if a safety deposit box key was found in the possession of Paula Harmon, that that fact was not disclosed to Bureau agents.

Mr. Peters further stated that while the above named women were being held by the Cleveland Police Department, one of the women made considerable fuss about an expensive ring which she said had not been returned to her by the Custodian. This woman later admitted, according to Mr. Peters, that this ring had been given to the jail matron for the purpose of hiring an attorney.

Mr. Peters recalled that one Ed Stanton, former prosecuting attorney at Cleveland, Ohio, represented these women upon their arrest, but whether he had ever received the ring was a fact not known to Mr. Peters. Mr. Peters advised that he was on friendly terms with Stanton and on one occasion asked him how he happened to be in the case. Stanton is reported to have said that he might tell Peters his connection in the matter after things had blown over a bit. In this connection Mr. Peters stated that he was of the opinion that if the proper

party approached Mr. Stanton now, that Stanton would no doubt be able to give some valuable information as to who the police officer was who called the Harvard Club and tipped off other members of the Barker-Karpis Mob, advising them of the arrest of the three women and asking that an attorney be secured for them. Mr. Peters stated that he believed that Stanton was representing the women for only one reason and that was because it appeared that there was some money in it for him.

Concerning all keys which were recovered following the arrest of the above mentioned women, Mr. Peters advised that he recalled that after the women were taken to Chicago, Illinois, the late Inspector Samuel Cowley telephoned to the Detroit Bureau Office requesting that all keys be sent to the Chicago Bureau Office, the letter of transmittal for which would undoubtedly be found in the Detroit Bureau Office file.

Concerning Detectives Crley/May and Emil/Musil of the Cleveland Police Department, Mr. Hall stated that he had never heard of these men and Mr. Peters stated that since he was resident agent in Cleveland for several months he recalls the names of these individuals, but does not recall ever having met them.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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September 24, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Ladd .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Rosen .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Gurnea .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Hendon .....  
Mr. Jones .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Nease .....  
Mr. Schick .....  
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Mr. Egan .....  
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Mr. Hendon .....  
Mr. Jones .....  
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Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Nease .....  
Mr. Schick .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Miss Gandy .....

The Bureau is in receipt of the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee, Cleveland, Ohio, dated September 15, 1936, relative to the present investigation being conducted at Cleveland, Ohio, concerning the persons who harbored Alvin Karpis and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang at that place during the summer and fall of 1934.

Efforts have been made by Agents of the Cleveland Bureau Office to ascertain the identity of the police officer who is thought to have been contacted by James Patton or Art Hebebrand of the Harvard Club after the arrest of Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette, and Paula Harmon at Cleveland, Ohio, on September 5, 1934. The identity of this officer is desired in order that appropriate investigation can be conducted to determine whether there was a police tip-off to Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Harry Sawyer, and Harry Campbell after the arrest of the women.

Inspector Frank Story of the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department has been interviewed on several occasions concerning this, and he has admitted he knows the identity of the officer who received a telephonic call from a person at the Harvard Club and later met this party and was told that the three women were "hot paper". Inspector Story stated that he has talked with this unidentified officer in an effort to have him discuss this incident with Agents of the Bureau and that this officer has refused to permit his name to be made known.

On September 11, 1936, Inspector Story was again interviewed by Special Agents J. E. Brennan and S. K. McKee with regard to further efforts on his part to persuade the police officer to furnish the information to the Bureau, and Inspector Story absolutely refuses to cooperate with Bureau Agents in this regard and will not furnish the name of this officer.

Inspector Story was advised by Agents McKee and Brennan that it was the Bureau's intention to get at the bottom of the laboring situation in Cleveland and that if it became necessary to "step on toes" in order to do so, the Bureau would have to do that and would have no apologies to make.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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September 28, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. J. McCLEURE,  
GENERAL AGENT.

There is transmitted herewith a voucher in favor of the Mark  
Drivurself Stations, Toledo, Ohio, in the amount of \$18.90, which  
represents payment for the rental of an automobile by a Special Agent  
of this Bureau.

You are advised that the rental of this machine was necessitated  
by the investigation being conducted by the Bureau in connection with the  
Bremer Kidnaping Case. It was necessary that certain persons be kept under  
constant surveillance and, there being no Government car available, the  
rental of this machine was essential. This was the cheapest means of  
transportation available for the proper conducting of this investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Incl. #1021520.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E.A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
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SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

September 27, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to your teletype of September 26, 1936, the following data is set forth concerning Bench Warrants and Returns made thereon, in connection with the indictments returned in this case May 4, 1934, at Saint Paul, Minnesota:

	<u>Bench Warrant Iss'd.</u>	<u>Non Est Made</u>
ALVIN KARPIS, w.aliases	May 7, 1934	May 7, 1934
ARTHUR R. BARKER, w.a.	May 4, 1934	(None made)
JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR., wa	May 4, 1934	May 4, 1934
WILLIAM EDWARD WIDLER, w.a.	May 4, 1934	May 4, 1934
ROY GRAY, w.aliases	May 4, 1934	(None made)
IZZY alias MR. JONES	May 4, 1934	" "
JOHN DOE	May 4, 1934	" "
RICHARD ROE	May 4, 1934	" "
FRANKIE WRIGHT	May 4, 1934	" "
PHILLIP DELANEY, w.a.	May 4, 1934	May 4, 1934
JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, JR.	May 4, 1934	May 4, 1934

With reference to the indictments returned on January 22, 1935, the following data is set forth:

	<u>Bench Warrant Iss'd.</u>	<u>Non Est Made</u>
ALVIN KARPIS, w.aliases	January 22, 1935	January 23, 1935
ALVIN KARPIS, w.aliases	January 24, 1935	(None made; served May 6, 1936)
ARTHUR R. BARKER, w.a.	(None issued)	

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	<u>Bench Warrant Iss'd.</u>	<u>Non Est Made</u>
VOLNEY DAVIS, w.aliases	January 22, 1935	February 18, 1935
HARRY CAMPBELL, w.aliases	January 22, 1935	(None made; served May 12, 1936)
ELMER FARMER	(None issued)	
HAROLD ALBERTSON	" "	
WILLIAM CRAVER, w.aliases	January 22, 1935	(None made; served September 3, 1935)
HARRY SAWYER, w.aliases	January 22, 1935	May 4, 1935
WILLIAM J. HARRISON, w.a.	January 22, 1935	(None made)
OLIVER A. BERG, w.a.	January 22, 1935	January 22, 1935
OLIVER A. BERG, w.a.	May 22, 1935	May 22, 1935
JOSEPH P. MORAN	January 22, 1935	(None made)
JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, SR., wa	(None issued)	
WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, w.a.	" "	
PHILLIP J. DELANEY	" "	
WHITIE	January 22, 1935	January 23, 1935
WILLIAM BRYAN BOLTON, w.a.	(None issued)	
JAMES J. WILSON, w.aliases	January 22, 1935	(None made; served January 22, 1935)
JESS DOYLE, w. aliases	January 22, 1935	January 23, 1935
EDNA MURRAY, w. aliases	January 22, 1935	January 23, 1935
MYRTLE LATON, w. aliases	January 22, 1935	(None made; served September 3, 1935)
JOHN DOE	January 22, 1935	(None made)
RICHARD ROE	January 22, 1935	" "

All Non Est returns made as indicated above were by Stephen Picha, Chief Deputy Marshal, for Bernard Anderson, then United States Marshal, Saint Paul, Minnesota. The above information was obtained from the warrants on file in the Clerk's Office, United States District Court, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STAIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

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PHONE. BREKID I AM FOLLOWING WORK CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO WITH AGENTS  
MCKEE ANDWYNN AND WILL RELEASE ANY AGENTS POSSIBLE THERE AS SOON AS  
CONDITIONS WILL PERMIT.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 29, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Philadelphia Office to the Bureau "Attention Technical Laboratory," dated August 4, 1936, which transmitted specimens of the handwriting of one Walter Robert Armstrong.

Included among the specimens submitted was a Ledger Book, which was loaned the Philadelphia Bureau Office by Mr. Burton Smallwood, Superintendent of the Sunday Breakfast Mission, Wilmington, Delaware.

At the time Mr. Smallwood loaned this Ledger to an agent from this office he was assured that the same would be returned as soon as possible. Reference letter requested that this Ledger be returned to the Philadelphia Bureau Office after it had served its purpose.

If this Ledger is no longer needed in the Laboratory it is requested that it be returned immediately to the Philadelphia Bureau Office inasmuch as Mr. Smallwood has written requesting its immediate return.

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Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vetterli*

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R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Technical Laboratory

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October 6, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: Brekid.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 29, 1936, in connection with the above-entitled case.

The examination of the writing in the ledger book, specimen 7-576-12481 B, has not yet been completed as this is part of the general search of anonymous writings with the writing of notorious gangsters which is being made. In order to prevent duplication this is delayed while the known writings are assembled.

Your letter forwarding the book states that it might be retained until its purpose had been served.

In view of the situation photographs have been prepared of certain pages, and the book, specimen 7-576-12481 B, is being returned under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc-St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Mr. Connelley, Chicago  
Cleveland

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington Field Office, Room 4244,  
Washington, D. C.

September 28, 1936.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. R. Suran.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request made by the Attorney General under date of September 24, 1936, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, that all information concerning employees of the Harvard Club, located at 3113 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, Ohio, be furnished the Bureau, please be advised that Special Agent W. R. Walsh of this office interviewed Mr. A. B. Niess, head of the Records Division, Bureau of Internal Revenue, and his subordinate, Mr. F. G. Bauer, who advised that their records failed to reflect the filing of a corporate return by the Harvard Club; that a search of telephone directories of Cleveland, Ohio and vicinity, failed to disclose any names listed at the Club address which could be used in an effort to obtain information filed in returns, and that the 1099 forms required to be filed in February of each year by every firm paying compensation of \$1,000 or more per annum to any employee, have all been consolidated with filed returns and, therefore, are not available and will not be available again until February, 1937 if such a form is filed by the Harvard Club. Mr. Bauer further advised that when a corporate return is filed, it will show only those officers or employees receiving a salary of \$15,000 or more per annum.

It was suggested by Mr. Bauer that at the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue at Cleveland, Ohio, some information may be obtained from the records kept at that office concerning payment of miscellaneous taxes.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Bureau of Internal Revenue

7-576-12454 October 3, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases;  
Fugitive - I. O. 1232; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim -  
KIDNAPING, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE,  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES, NATIONAL  
FINANCE ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 26, 1936, in which you were advised that the Bureau of Internal Revenue had been requested to furnish information concerning the income tax return of the Harvard Club, located at 3113 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio.

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taxes. 808.30

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC-Cincinnati  
Chicago

1215 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
September 28, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: BREXID

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 19, 1936,  
you are advised that the Automobile Registration Division,  
State Highway Department at Austin, Texas, has no registra-  
tion record of Ford Coupe Motor #12-1615253.

An alarm card has been placed against this car and  
this office should be advised if it is later located.

Very truly yours,

cc Bureau ✓  
cc Cincinnati

Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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